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The Story of "Seeds that Grow"

With Numerous Illustrations



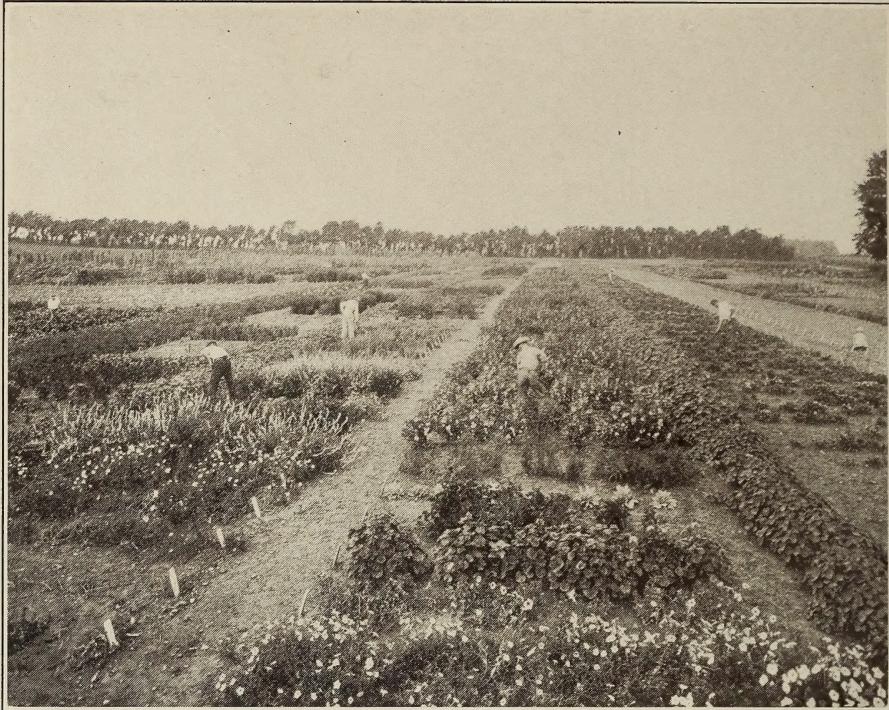
THE FARM HOUSE ON FORDHOOK NO. 1,—from Photograph taken August 29, 1905.
This Lawn and other Lawns at FORDHOOK FARMS were produced from the same blend FORDHOOK FINEST
LAWN GRASS as were the Lawns that won The Grand Prize at St. Louis, 1904, and The Only Gold Medal
for Lawns at Lewis and Clark Exposition, Portland, Oregon, 1905.

W. ATLEE BURPEE & CO.

SEED GROWERS, PHILADELPHIA, PA., U. S. A.

City Warehouses :
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Seed Gardens and Trial Grounds at
FORDHOOK FARMS, Bucks County,
Pennsylvania, and at our new SUNNY-
BROOK FARM in Gloucester County,
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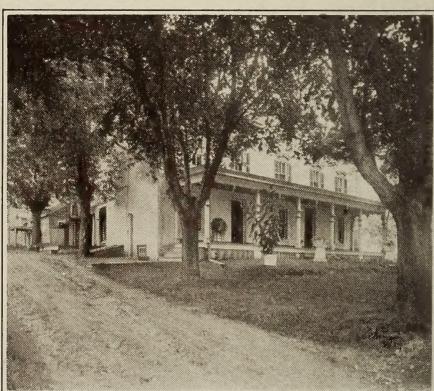
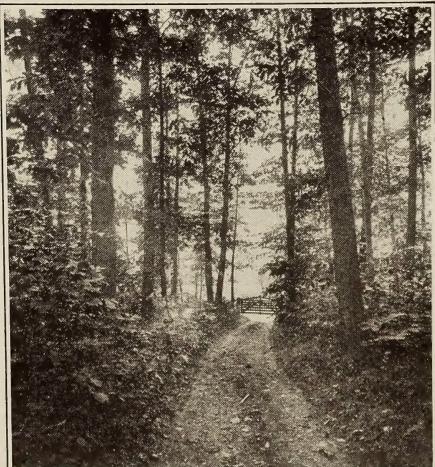


A Portion of the Trial Grounds at Fordhook,—engraved from a Photograph taken August 29, 1905.

Burpee's Fordhook Farms are the Largest and Most Complete Trial Grounds in America!

Here (and on our *Sunnybrook Farm, N.J.*) all things are tested, and we only "hold fast to that which is good!" The past year (1905), on our own farms, there were seven thousand trials in the open fields and sixteen thousand soil tests—in greenhouses, hot-beds, and cold-frames—for vitality,—making a total of twenty-three thousand tests!

A Cordial Invitation. Planters who may visit Philadelphia are invited to inspect the **BURPEE BUILDING**, where we shall be pleased to explain the workings of the various departments. We are glad, also, during spring, summer, and autumn, to have our customers examine the crops and trials at **FORDHOOK FARMS**. Wednesday is "Visitors' Day," but customers from a distance can obtain permits at our Philadelphia office for any other weekday. It is the common remark of gardeners and sportsmen, after a day at **FORDHOOK FARMS**: "Planters generally have not the slightest idea of the unusual care you exercise in growing and testing seeds. You ought to say more about it." There is certainly no other place in America where such a complete assortment of all varieties—both known and unknown—can be seen growing each season.



Two of the Five Entrances to Burpee's Fordhook Farms.

The Burpee Quality in Seeds!

Burpee's Seeds cost but little more than do usual commercial grades,—and yet are *worth* much more. At our own farms in Pennsylvania and New Jersey—as well as in the gardens of Planters everywhere,—BURPEE'S SEEDS are proved by test to be the BEST SEEDS THAT GROW. Consequently, we hold THE LARGEST MAIL-ORDER SEED TRADE IN THE WORLD.

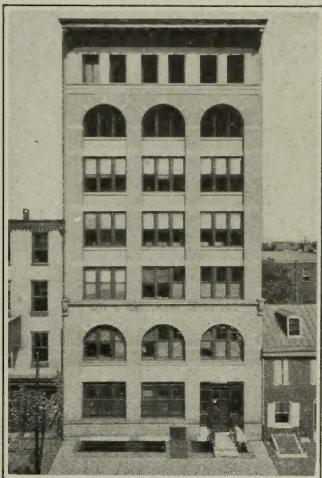
With a view to serving our customers even better and to provide for further increase in business we purchased—a year ago and have equipped—an additional building on Fifth Street and a double warehouse on York Avenue, south of the BURPEE BUILDING, erected in 1898. We also bought a farm in New Jersey, to supplement the work of our Pennsylvania FORDHOOK FARMS, so long famous as the most complete trial grounds in America.

We began in the Centennial year of American Independence. The little building that first saw our declaration of independence is shown herewith. We do more business now in a week than in the two years (1876 and 1877) that we occupied this little building.

And yet our great organization to-day is the wholesome growth from the seeds then sown. As a leading horticulturist once wrote, "It is because BURPEE'S SEEDS GROW,—that the Burpee Business Grows!"



WHERE WE BEGAN
IN 1876



FIFTH STREET FRONTAGE OF THE
BURPEE BUILDING, PHILADELPHIA



"READY FOR THE MAIL,"—at the York Avenue Frontage of the BURPEE BUILDING.
This wagon-load of mail sacks contained 20,656 FARM ANNUALS.

Please remember, if you should forget our full firm name, that it is sufficient to address simply,—either letter, telegram, or cable message,—

Burpee, Philadelphia
W. ATLEE BURPEE & CO., Seed Growers, Philadelphia, Pa., U. S. A.

Burpee's "Seeds that Grow,"

How they are handled in the Burpee Building, Philadelphia.



"READY TO MAIL,"—engraved from a Photograph taken on January 6, 1905.

These mail sacks contained more than twenty-seven thousand (27,596) copies of BURPEE'S FARM ANNUAL, mailed on that one day. The edition is so large that the Government sends two officials daily to the BURPEE BUILDING to route the mail sacks, which are then carted direct to the mail cars at the several Railway Stations,—thus relieving the Philadelphia Post Office.

Quick Mails make
Near Neighbors
of us all.

"Some sort of idea may be formed of the scope of the business done by W. ATLEE BURPEE & CO., when it is known that over 6000 pieces of mail matter containing orders for seeds, plants, etc., frequently pour into the big Philadelphia warehouse in one day. In these days of fast mails, the products of Fordhook are but a short distance from every man's door, and the firm's books show that in the United States alone W. Atlee Burpee & Co. have customers at 59,352 post offices. In addition, there are orders filled for people in nearly every civilized country in the world."

The cashier requires the entire time of from four to eight assistants to open the daily mail. We employ no travelers, —being exclusively a catalogue house. We aim to make it easy for you to order by mail, when you will be sure of faithful and prompt service.



PREPARING FARM ANNUALS FOR MAILING.

About 25,000 copies were in this room when the photograph was taken, January 6, 1905.



An office view in the
BURPEE BUILDING.

The illustration above shows as much of our main office as is possible in one photograph. Our chief offices (including private office and mail room) occupy the entire width of the Fifth Street side.

The Shipping Clerk's office is also on the ground floor, but at the north end of the York Avenue side. Customers visiting Philadelphia will find it most convenient to enter on *Fifth Street*, as there the trolley cars pass about every minute.



The illustration above shows an ARITHMOMETER. On this wonderful little machine is listed all cash receipts,—as marked on each order; also the amounts of money orders as listed for the post office. It is self-adding and never makes a mistake!

The lower picture to the left shows a BILLING MACHINE, which is quite different to the regular typewriters of which there are many in use.

Every modern device is used to secure *prompt despatch*, together with *accuracy*.

The World's Largest Mail-Order Seed Trade,—

A Few More Interior Views,—Engraved from Recent Photographs.



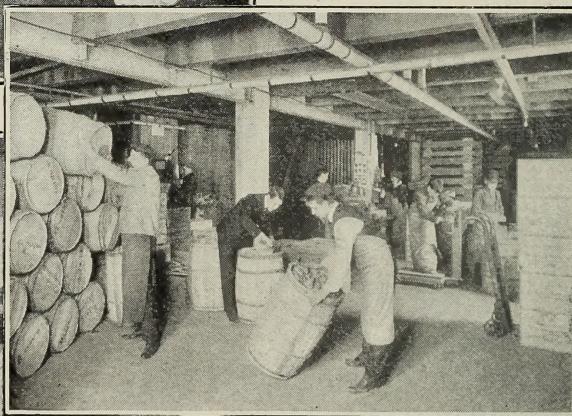
ENTRANCE TO GENERAL OFFICES,—from Fifth Street,—
Showing Time-register to left.



OFFICE FOR "OPENING THE MAIL."



AN OFFICE CORNER,—on third floor, where orders, after being filled and checked, are filed for reference.



PART OF THE CELLAR,—where stored Seed Potatoes, Onion Sets, Bulbs, etc. The steam-heating plant is located in a sub-cellars, while electric power is used exclusively.

Many stocks of seeds in bulk are stored in other warehouses,—outside of THE BURPEE BUILDING,—but also owned by us.



A Section of THE PRINTING ROOM,—on the third floor.



Most "Mail Orders,"—that is, orders to go by mail, are executed upon the second floor. In the large photograph one of the aisles for Vegetable Seeds is shown, while another section of the "Mail-Order Department" is shown by the next photo. The lower right-hand photo illustrates one of the aisles where each clerk has her own section.

The lower left-hand photo illustrates a portion of the space devoted to wrapping and stamping the orders,—after they have been checked off (in baskets) by experienced checkers, of whom a few can be discerned behind the telephone.

There are twelve private telephones in the BURPEE BUILDING alone,—connecting the various departments with the offices.





The upper illustrations show two views in THE FREIGHT AND EXPRESS ORDER DEPARTMENT, which occupies the entire fourth floor.

The last photograph shows the boxes and bags, when ready to leave the building from York Avenue side of the ground floor.

All our energies are directed to filling mail orders, and considering *promptness* and *accuracy* in executing your commands together with **QUALITY OF SEEDS**, you cannot be served better anywhere!

While you may buy seeds for less money (and you will certainly not come to us if you seek merely the *lowest prices!*), it is absolutely true that **you can not buy seeds of equal quality for less money, while nowhere can you get better seeds at any price!**

Our confidence and your confidence in the truth of this statement made boldly for so many years, is the secret of the WORLD'S LARGEST MAIL-ORDER SEED TRADE!

"We are Exclusively a Mail-Order House."

This does not mean, however, that all the orders received by mail (or telegram) are sent by mail! Hundreds of large orders arrive daily, which are dispatched by express, freight, or steamer. Some orders include a thousand pounds or a hundred bushels of a single variety. Those who buy largely to plant for profit should write for BURPEE'S BLUE LIST,—the most complete of wholesale catalogues for market gardeners. It is **mailed Free to those entitled to receive it**, but can not be sent to private planters,—even if asked for.



"PACKETING AND SEALING THE POPULAR "SEEDS THAT GROW,"—IN THE BURPEE BUILDING.

The illustration above, from photograph, shows a portion of our seed-papering room on the third floor. Here, by the deft hands of willing women-workers, and with the aid of seed-papering machines run by electric power, millions of retail packets, ounces, quarter-pounds, pounds, pints, and quarts are neatly prepared. Pecks and bushels (sealed with our leaden seal) are filled by men upon another floor.

We are exclusively "**a mail-order house.**" This means that we never send travelers to solicit orders, and also that we do not seek a local counter trade.

Strangers entering from Fifth Street for the first time frequently remark, upon seeing the extensive offices and no signs of seed-bins or drawers, that *they presume we do not fill retail orders!* And yet this is our chief business,—and the largest of its kind in the world.

The customer is immediately reassured and conducted to the mail-order department on the second floor, where he can see his order with thousands of others, quickly and accurately executed,—with much greater despatch and an assurance of absolute accuracy that would be impossible in the old-fashioned "seed store."

This customer soon realizes that he can be served *just as well and just as promptly* if he will write out his order in the quiet of his own home and mail it to us,—as if he should bring it in person,—although he is also made to feel thoroughly at home and to feel that he is always welcome either in Philadelphia or at Fordhook Farms.

The point we want to emphasize, however, is that all our energies are directed to **filling mail orders**, and considering *promptness and accuracy* in executing your commands together with **QUALITY OF SEEDS**, you can not possibly be served better anywhere!



A SEED-PAPERING MACHINE,—*in operation.*



One of the Five Entrances to
BURPEE'S FORDHOOK FARMS.



THE MAIN SECTION OF BURPEE'S TRIAL GROUNDS ON FORDHOOK FARM NO. 1,—as they appeared in Summer of 1905.

BURPEE'S FORDHOOK FARMS

Have long been Famous as the
Largest, Most Complete Trial Grounds in America.

PROFESSOR JOHNSON, of *The American Agriculturist*, performed a similar office on behalf of the members of the agricultural and horticultural press present. Mr. Johnson said that the day had been one rare treat. In speaking of the immensity of the Trial Grounds at FORDHOOK, Professor Johnson stated that those present would take home a lesson which would be remembered for many years. There was not an experiment station in the United States, supported by State or national legislation, that had anything like the variety of tests that were conducted on the Fordhook Farms. He said this in all fairness to the splendid work of the Experiment Stations.

—Extract from an Extended Editorial account of "A FIELD DAY AT FORDHOOK," which appeared in THE FLORISTS' EXCHANGE, New York, July 4, 1903.

Should you have mislaid our copy or desire one for a friend whom you think would appreciate the BURPEE QUALITY IN SEEDS,—please write (a postal card will do) for *The Thirtieth Anniversary Edition of BURPEE'S FARM ANNUAL FOR 1906,—"The Leading American Seed Catalogue."*



"INSPECTING THE TRIAL GROUNDS
by PROF. W. G. JOHNSON, of



"AT FORDHOOK."—Engraved from one of half-a-dozen photographs, taken (entirely unsolicited) on June 27, 1905,
by Prof. W. G. Johnson, of "The American Agriculturist," New York, and published by courtesy of Orange Judd Co., New York and Chicago.



READY FOR WORK

THIS is the title given the photograph reproduced to the left. It was taken on an early April morning as our "men with the teams" were ready to start for their day's work in the fields at Fordhook Farms.

Now—after months of hard (but interesting) work upon the growing crops, the harvesting, cleaning and packing of seeds, the comparative notings in our Trial Grounds, and the careful preparation of our Catalogues—

WE ARE "READY FOR WORK"

upon your esteemed orders for 1906, and know that we are prepared to serve you satisfactorily, in every particular.

While you may buy seeds for less money (and you will certainly not come to us if you seek merely the lowest prices!), it is absolutely true that you can not buy seeds of equal quality for less money, while nowhere can you get better seeds at any price!

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W. ATLEE BURPEE & CO.

Other Views at FORDHOOK FARMS



THE OFFICE AT FORDHOOK FARMS,—where Records of Trials and Crops are kept.

This little two-story building (nearly concealed by trees) was the original "farmhouse" at Fordhook. It was built about one hundred and thirty years ago,—long before we entered the seed business (!) and when farmers and gardeners thought that they must save their own seeds, to be sure of purity! At that time there was not a single seedsman, in anything like the modern sense, in America and but few in Europe.

The Seed Trade is of "modern evolution," and it is acknowledged that nowhere has more been done to inspire confidence in "bought seeds" than at FORDHOOK FARMS,—so famous as the largest trial grounds in America.



SEEDING A FIELD WITH WINTER GRAIN,—August 29, 1905.



"THE COTTAGE" at extreme Eastern Entrance to FORDHOOK FARMS.

This beautiful lawn, as well as the other lawns at FORDHOOK FARMS, was seeded with BURPEE'S FORDHOOK FINEST LAWN GRASS, of exactly the same "prescription" as the finest lawns at St. Louis World's Fair (1904) and Portland, Oregon, Exposition (1905). At both expositions we received the highest awards possible.—**The Grand Prize at St. Louis and the Only Gold Medal at Portland.**



SOME OF THE FRAMES AT FORDHOOK.—with partial view of the principal seed-house in the background.
In these and other frames are grown the several strains of Coleus, Giant-flowered Heliotrope, Tuberous-rooted and Free-flowering Begonias, while in the adjoining greenhouses are produced the choicest Gloxinias, Fancy-leaved Caladiums, Rex Begonias, etc., as well as trials of Cyclamen, Primulas, and other greenhouse plants from seed. The greenhouses are used also to start the plants of Petunias, Balsams, Satvias, Peppers, Tomatoes, etc., of which many acres are grown annually for seed at FORDHOOK.



A FIELD OF PHLOX DRUMMONDII GRANDIFLORA AT FORDHOOK,—from Photograph taken July 14, 1905.
(This field looked like a great Turkish Rug spread out under the summer sun.)



PICKING SALVIA SPLENDENS AT FORDHOOK FARMS,—engraved from a Photograph taken August 29, 1905.
We are the largest growers of Salvia Seed in America and export considerable quantities to Europe.
The block here shown is only one of a number grown at FORDHOOK the past season.



UNLOADING TOMATOES AT THE TOMATO-SEED WASHER ON BURPEE'S FORDHOOK FARMS.

TOMATO SEED

is a great specialty with us and one of the most important seed crops produced at our FORDHOOK FARMS in Pennsylvania and SUNNYBROOK FARM, New Jersey.

FORDHOOK-GROWN SEED is considered **the best** by thousands of tomato growers. It is often difficult for us to produce sufficient to meet the increasing demand. It certainly is both "brighter and better" than seed commonly sold, and while it *costs us* much more to produce, extensive planters for market seem quite willing to pay the difference in price.

The illustration below shows a field of our popular *Trucker's Favorite*, from photograph taken the past season.



A Winter Scene at FORDHOOK.—Hauling manure to one of the fields.





A portion of our EARLY CABBAGE TRIALS AT FORDHOOK,—from Photograph taken in September, 1905.

To show late Cabbage trials we should have to use another photograph, of another section, taken in November.



A Section of LETTUCE TRIALS AT FORDHOOK FARMS.

If planters generally could visit FORDHOOK FARMS and note the comparative trials, they would cease to wonder why BURPEE'S LETTUCE SEED costs more to produce than the seed of lettuce as commonly sold!

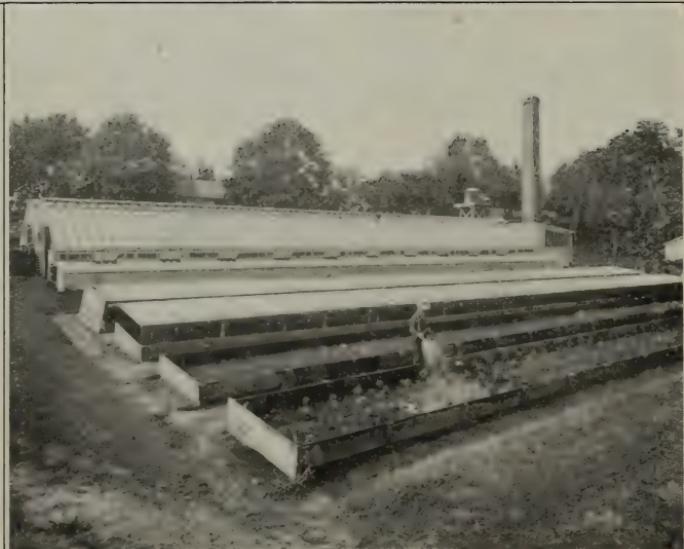


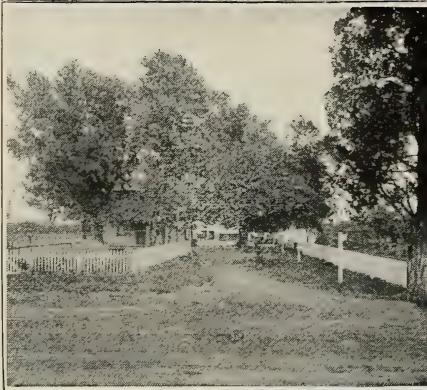
The top illustration shows one of the Barns at FORDHOOK.

The next, a small portion of Fordhook Flowers, growing for seed.

The last picture shows a partial view of the Greenhouses and Frames where the popular "SEEDS THAT GROW" are Tested for Vitality.

These three photographs were taken at FORDHOOK during the summer of 1905. With the other pictures in this pamphlet, they will give some idea of How we Know the Seeds we Sell !





BURPEE'S SUNNYBROOK FARM in South Jersey is proving a most useful adjunct to FORDHOOK FARMS. Here are concentrated now most of our *Cucurbitaceæ* trials, while number of important crops are grown upon our own land.

The upper illustration shows boys picking our crop of the *Neapolitan Large-Early Pepper*. The small illustration to left shows the entrance to "SUNNYBROOK," while the larger photograph below shows the gathering of a crop of *Burpee's Extra Early White Spine Cucumber*.



THE STORY OF "SEEDS THAT GROW."

BY E. J. WHEELOCK,

Author of "A Year's Work at Fordhook."

Seeds! Tiny, insignificant-looking little things, not often beautiful in themselves and yet so potent with bottled-up vitality, so instinct with images of the beautiful, rare and useful things into which they are capable of expanding! Humble as they are they yet form the basis of one of the greatest business enterprises of the twentieth century. They are too often regarded by the busy world as among the necessary things of no particular moment that must be looked after somehow by somebody but are not to be thought of seriously.

The busy world never made a greater mistake. Even the tiller of the soil who furnishes the marrow and substance of the busy world aforesaid, who, as it were, stokes the engine of civilization and supplies what energy it possesses, is too apt to regard with little care the seeds that he puts into the ground. Not so frequently nowadays, it must be acknowledged, as in times past, for one of the prime points which the following little story will try to bring out is the immense educational value to the agricultural and horticultural classes of the years of careful, scientific labor spent upon seeds by W. ATLEE BURPEE AND CO. at their various growing centers.

It is a fascinating story. Man working hand in hand with Nature—not forcing her, but coaxing her to reveal her secrets, leading her into new and better paths, developing in her work higher usefulness for human needs—this has been the first principle of the Burpee seed growing business for thirty years.

Let us take a few peeps at how this is done.

Burpee's Seeds come from all over the globe. From nearly every section of the United States, from England, Germany, France, Denmark, Holland, Italy, Japan, wherever particular varieties of flowers and vegetables are found to have their best habitat and are assured of their highest degree of vitality, a never-ceasing stream of purest seeds is yearly pouring into the big Burpee warehouses in Philadelphia thence to be redistributed to thousands upon thousands of planters. But the chief producing points of parent stocks, are the famous FORDHOOK FARMS, near Doylestown, Pa., among the fertile hills of Bucks County, and BURPEE'S SUNNYBROOK FARM, near Swedesboro, N. J., in Gloucester County. These farms at all times are under the keen eyes of Mr. Burpee and his assistants. They are among the most quietly busy places in America and are brimming over with interesting stories to those who can so far throw off the fetters of civilization as to get their ear close down to Mother Nature.

The FORDHOOK FARMS at Doylestown, where the head of the firm and his right-hand man reside most of the year in order to give personal supervision to every detail of the work, are given over to three things: First and most important, the Burpee trial grounds, which have become noted among scientists and horticulturalists the world over; second, the growing of stock seed for the choicest strains of flowers and vegetables which Mr. Burpee will not entrust to any other hands than his own, and lastly the breeding of pedigree Scotch Collie Dogs and Fancy Poultry.

Fordhook Farms comprise nearly every variety of soil known to the smiling southeast Pennsylvania section, from a stiff Triassic red clay to the most arable loam, thus affording opportunities for growing each kind of plant upon the land it likes best. The elder Fordhook, now known as No. 1, lying farthest west from Doylestown, is the parent of the Burpee productive centers and its name is known wherever a farmer drives a plow. Adjoining it on the east is Fordhook No. 2, with a separate set of farm buildings, which was purchased in the winter of 1898 owing to the ever-increasing demand for room in growing the finest Fordhook strains of seeds.

The New Jersey farm, located in southern Gloucester County three miles from Swedesboro, is largely given over to the growing and testing of the *Cucurbitaceæ*—that sprawling plant family that includes melons, squashes, cucumbers, gourds and other such fleshy things that seem to draw their sustenance best from a sandy soil. Here are also produced certain important floral varieties that have been found to thrive best in an arenaceous habitat. One of the leading Burpee ideas is always to find out what a plant likes best and then accommodate it.

Now for a hasty bird's eye view—in black and white—of Burpee's Fordhook Farms in Bucks County, Pa. They deserve in every respect that much-abused term "*model*." Everything is run on system.

Both farms are kept clean as a new pin—this means fields, buildings and stock. Just as an instance one man's time is devoted to mowing grass along roadways and around buildings. There are no fences excepting on boundary lines and enclosing pasture lots. The visitor is everywhere impressed with the fact that the farms are intended for business purposes only, and, as Manager Earl expresses it, "there is nothing fancy about the place excepting the live stock." Everything is for use, and although the fields and seed plats flaunt before one's eyes some of the most beautiful things in nature, they are there for only one purpose—to do good to future generations of beauty-lovers.

Take a deep breath of the ozone-laden Bucks County air and start to ramble over these interesting acres.

Trial Grounds at Fordhook Farms

human body. They guide and rule everything. Upon the results attained here depend whether or not each given variety of seed shall be included in the BURPEE "FARM ANNUAL." To be listed in the latter is recognized the world over as being equivalent to the "hall mark" on silver. After LUTHER BURBANK, the horticultural wizard of Santa Rosa, California, had visited the Burpee farms, he wrote: "Your Fordhook trial grounds were the best of all my Eastern object lessons, and I had many of them. I had no idea of their extent and value, not only to yourself, but to every one of your customers, and eventually to everyone who cultivates the soil."

The principal trial grounds proper, located upon average loamy soil near the center of Fordhook No. 1, are laid out in beds two hundred yards long and fifteen feet wide, each bed being cut up into plats and each plat containing a separate variety of growing thing. Driven into each plat or row is a white stake bearing a number, and this number clings to the variety throughout the growing season, carrying after it on the Manager's trial ground books every fact in relation to the plant, its manner of growth, its productiveness, its early or late fruition, its variations from the standard type, in fact every point that is considered to be important in the final decision as to whether this particular variety shall be passed as good, shall be considered as bad or shall be passed along for further testing next season.

This means work and lots of it. During the past season (1905) the total number of field trials made at both FORDHOOK and SUNNYBROOK was 7161, of which 4549 were vegetables and 2612 flowers. The detailed list, which gives little idea, however, of the amount of careful, conscientious head-work involved, is as follows:—

VEGETABLE SEED TRIALS.

Artichoke,	3	Grass and Clover,	83	Rhubarb,	4
Asparagus,	4	Herbs,	24	Salsify,	6
Bean, bush,	246	Kale,	38	Spinach,	78
Bean, pole,	157	Kohl Rabi,	10	Squash,	168
Beet,	195	Leek,	6	Tobacco,	15
Broccoli,	10	Lettuce,	276	Tomato,	265
Brussels Sprouts,	10	Martynia,	1	Turnip,	93
Buckwheat,	7	Melon, musk,	184	Turnip, Ruta Baga,	33
Cabbage,	356	Melon, water,	225	Miscellaneous,	
Carrot,	96	Mustard,	28		
Cauliflower,	45	Oats,	15	Total,	4361
Celery,	57	Okra,	17	Perennials from season	
Chicory,	2	Onion,	297	1904	33
Collards,	3	Parsley,	22		
Corn, field,	53	Parsnip,	22	Special trials at Sunny-	
Corn, pop,	11	Peas,	241	brook:	
Corn, sweet,	227	Peanuts,	8	Celery,	44
Corn, salad,	4	Pepper,	65	Carrot,	53
Cress,	5	Potato,	73	Beet, Corn, Onion, etc.,	58
Cucumber,	264	Pumpkin,	51		
Dandelion,	3	Radish,	171	Total,	4549
Egg plant,	25	Radish, Winter,	12		
Endive,	12				

FLOWER SEED TRIALS.

Ageratum,	9	Gaillardia,	13	Primula,	21
Alyssum,	8	Geranium,	7	Pyrethrum,	8
Amaranthus,	8	Gloxinia,	12	Ricinus,	10
Antirrhinum,	22	Godetia,	13	Rudbeckia,	6
Aquilegia,	7	Gourd,	16	Salpiglossis,	7
Aster,	163	Gypsophila,	43	Salvia,	15
Balsam,	38	Heliotrope,	8	Scabiosa,	7
Begonia,	19	Helichrysum,	7	Schizanthus,	11
Bellis,	9	Hollyhock,	15	Silene,	6
Bulbs,	186	Ipomoea,	19	Stocks,	39
Calendula,	6	Larkspur,	6	Sunflower,	17
Calliopsis,	13	Lathyrus Latifolius,	4	Sweet Peas, tall,	421
Campanula,	9	Linaria,	10	Sweet Peas, bush,	24
Candytuft,	31	Lobelia,	18	Sweet Peas, Cupid,	33
Carnation,	19	Lupinus,	8	Sweet William,	4
Celosia,	32	Marigold,	22	Tagetes,	9
Centaurea,	22	Marvel of Peru,	3	Torenia,	4
Chrysanthemum,	27	Mignonette,	29	Viola,	7
Cineraria,	6	Mimulus,	6	Vinca,	5
Clarkia,	7	Moonflower,	14	Verbena,	29
Coleus,	9	Morning Glory,	14	Wallflower,	3
Cosmos,	15	Nasturtium,	227	Zinnia,	31
Dahlia,	18	Nemesia,	5	Miscellaneous,	248
Datura,	6	Oxalis,	5		
Delphinium,	8	Pansy,	150	Total,	2561
Dianthus,	47	Pentstemon,	7	Perennials from season	
Dolichos,	8	Petunia,	32	1904	51
Eschscholtzia,	9	Phlox,	25		
Forget-me-not,	16	Poppy,	70	Total,	2612
Fuchsia,	4	Portulaca,	7		



THE PANSY TRIALS AT FORDHOOK,—from a Photograph.

Starting at the entrance of the trial grounds a quick glance over the many things of interest during the past season reveals in the southwest corner clumps of perennials such as asparagus and carnations, all bearing their distinctive plat numbers so that there can be no possibility of varieties becoming mixed in the Manager's books. In the case of onions the bulbs in each row are counted so that the percentage of those that are "off" in quality can be determined.

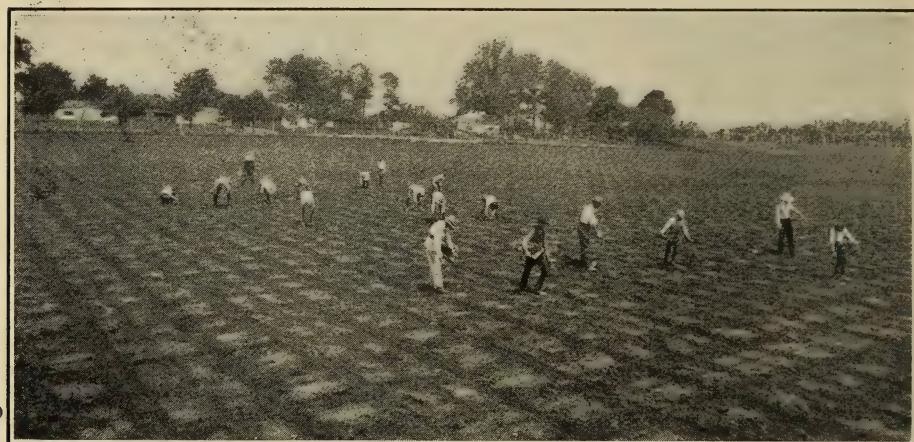
There are so many things to see and so many things to hear about the infinite details of labor involved in the conduct of these wonderful trial grounds that only a few impressions can be noted. Duplicate trials are made of many varieties so that failure in one plat will give another to fall back upon. Nasturtiums, among the greatest floral prides of Fordhook, are planted in the back rows of the beds so that they may get the fullest possible development. All kinds of tests are under the eye as we pass along. Here are grass plats, some of them dating back to 1902, which are sown with every variety of grass seed the firm knows of, and which are kept trimmed, walked over and otherwise given the same treatment as the average lawn. Near by are all kinds of okra with their long green or greenish-white pods, a new variety from Texas, with an almost entire leaf which keeps the pods shaded, diverting attention for a moment. The housewife's eyes would be delighted at the sight of many rows filled with the old-fashioned garden herbs, as sage, sweet marjoram, rosemary and rue, and many others well-known to the pharmacopoeia of our grandmothers. Not far away are clover tests for purity, the clover being sown in rows in order that encroaching weeds can be detected readily.

Then follows plat after plat of sweet corn, of which there are here more varieties than the average man or woman ever dreams of. THE BURPEE IDEA, as expressed in this test work, is to try all things, "hold fast to those that are good,"—and then make them better. Hence in the case of the important vegetables and flowers plats are found given over to all the different varieties that are known, barring, of course, those that have been discarded through the results of former tests as not up to the Fordhook standard. A new variety does not necessarily have to be good to gain admittance to the trial grounds, but it has to be exceedingly good to stay there.

We just glance at special trials of beans, beets and lettuce made to ascertain the most desirable varieties for September bearing, and then plunge into a maze of bloom and color where some of the more important flower tests are being made. Here is a long stretch of Pansies rolled out under the bright sunlight like yard after yard of the richest brocaded velvet. Talk about color! Here is almost everything known to the dyer's hand and many hues that he probably never heard of. The variegations are infinite. The *Giant Masterpiece*, of German origin, is one of the most notable new varieties, in all colors, mostly of the darker shades, and with a delicate ruffling of the petals that lends depth to the tints. Mr. Burpee took up the pansy many years ago as a flower fit to be made a prince among the world's floral beauties and helped to give it the high place that it now holds in popular estimation. He subsequently did the same thing for the sweet pea and is now working upon similar lines with the nasturtium.

The flowers succeed one another in such bewildering variety that the visitor unaccustomed to the sight wonders how order is brought out of such a chaos of bloom. There are balsams and sweet peas galore, both of high importance at Fordhook; cockscomb, with its big, richly-colored

velvety masses, annual chrysanthemum or painted daisy, great bunches of petunias in purple, pink, white, and what not; annual dianthus or Japanese and Chinese pinks, most superbly variegated; portulacas of extraordinary size and beauty, morning glories twice as large as the ordinary fence-climber, one novel variety showing a delicate shade of pure sky blue, while another with striped leaves forces itself upon the eye. One set of plats is devoted to climbers such as the balloon vine, the *Bryonia laciniosa*, with handsome cut leaves and bearing little green, white-striped seed pods, which before they begin to change to red, look for all the world like tiny round watermelons, and ornamental beans of all kinds with red, white, purple, and other hued blossoms, some bearing pods yard long. Here is a group of marigolds of all classes, some as large as the largest dahlias and some as small as the old-time Johnny-jump-up. Adjoining are plats of zinnias of all kinds, then the dainty euphorbias, then tobacco growing six to eight feet high with its beautiful long flowers, white or white traced with purple. Then follows a group of geraniums growing from seed.



SETTING OUT A FIELD WITH PLANTS OF BURPEE'S MATCHLESS TOMATO

How Tomatoes Are Tested

Turning from beauty to use again, we find nearly three hundred trials of tomatoes planted simply for observation, in following out the principle so constantly kept in view of selecting those varieties which are best. The firm of Burpee has brought the tomato to the highest state of perfection ever known, and one who sees the many tests of tomatoes being made, not only here in the trial grounds, but in isolated patches all over the farms, and notes the unceasing care and vigilance with which they are watched, can hardly wonder at the superexcellence of the products. Tomatoes are never planted on the same ground in successive years, but about once in three years.

Not only are all the standard varieties always under observation but everything new that is at all promising is given a fair chance to speak for itself. For instance in 1905 a supposed novelty was put out by a reputable firm with glowing encomiums, and a quarter-acre of it was planted at Fordhook. The result was not calculated to help the new tomato along its way. The fruit was in different shapes and varying shades of color, and was altogether such a thing as would never pass muster with the house of Burpee,—although extensively advertised and praised by other seedsmen. Sometimes varieties are tested in this way for ten years and ultimately discarded. There are so many superb tomatoes already on the Burpee list that one wonders at the persistency with which new kinds are continually being tried, but the prevailing idea here is no matter how good a vegetable or flower you have got, *keep on trying* to get something just a little bit better.

Here is a planting of *Chalk's Early Jewel*, one of the very best of the prevailing favorite tomatoes. The firm put themselves in communication with the originator of the variety and have for years controlled all the seed he has produced. It is extra early and, given ordinary garden culture, will supply the most delicious, firm, handsome fruit right up to cold weather. Over in Fordhook No. 2 is seen growing five acres of *Trucker's Favorite*, which is the best main crop pink tomato on the market, being a tremendous bearer, with solid fruit and very little seed. Ten acres more of this variety are grown on the National Farm School which adjoins the Fordhook Farms on the west, the crop, of course, being under close supervision from Fordhook at all times. Everywhere one goes on the farm are found patches of tomatoes bearing names well known to vegetable growers, such as *Matchless*, *Fordhook First*, *Honor Bright*, *Burpee's Combination*, the new *Dwarf Quarter-century*, *Dwarf Stone* and the *Magnificent*. Then there is a novelty in the *Burbank Preserving Tomato*, originated through hybridization by the California "wizard," and another in *June Pink*, which might be called a *Pink Earliana*.

All other vegetables get the same conscientious treatment as tomatoes, though not all upon the same enlarged scale. Here in the trial beds, for instance, are all kinds of string and lima beans. There are only three types of limas (in both pole and bush), but there are a host of different strains and all must be thoroughly tested. Each plant of the tall Limas is given the most generous height of pole in order that nature may have the fullest opportunity to do its best. In fact this idea prevails all over the farms—never to hamper or contract, but to give every growing thing a fair chance for the greatest development of which it is capable. On the other hand the opposite extreme is carefully avoided, over-cultivation and the use of strong, stimulating fertilizers being unknown. *The object is to grow seeds and study their products under conditions precisely similar to those that prevail in the average farm and garden.*

We pass over more vegetable trials—peppers of all strengths, gourds of all sizes and shapes, cucumbers dotting the ground, a mammoth variety of peanut with nuts of truly "Jumbo" size, early plantings of root crops, as beets, sugar beets, mangold wurzels and parsnips. Many trials of forage plants are seen, including the *Australian Salt Bush*, which has been found of great utility in the alkali soil of the West. Here is also a growing of the *Chufa*, the roots of which are grubbed up by hogs, who thrive upon them, and the tops making excellent hay. In one plat is growing *Rape* for sheep, in another near-by *Broom Corn*, and in still another *Teosinte*, which makes excellent fodder and is well adapted for ensilage.

Such are the famous FORDHOOK TRIAL GROUNDS, most hurriedly glanced at.



SOME (1905) GROWING CROPS OF FLOWERS AT FORDHOOK.

Among the Seed Crops

Now for a sturdy tramp out over the farms among the growing seed crops and supplementary trial beds, with just a passing note or two on some of the interesting things which spring up on every side. As has been remarked, both farms are remarkably clean.

Weeds are exterminated by the most vigorous warfare throughout the year.

Starting upon the southern section we find many acres given over to Balsams, Poppies, Celosias, Nasturtiums, and Dolichos; in fact, this is the "workshop" for these flowers, where is carried on the work of improving the various strains. Experiment, success, failure—whatever it may be, all is carefully noted and thought over and weighed with the experience of other years. In spite of the extreme beauty of Fordhook Balsams they are still being made better as regards size of flowers, number of flowers on a stalk, doubleness of the blooms and variety of colors. Some of the selections, not yet introduced, date back to 1899.

Among the Celosias it has taken several years of hard work to develop the new strain called "*Magnificent*," with its beautiful plumes of yellow, orange, red, magenta and scarlet. Several seasons ago this highly recommended variety was received from Germany, but it was found not to retain its type. It was diligently worked upon by selecting as to color and symmetry of plant until the present "*Magnificent*" was obtained. The plant is more compact than older varieties.



"READY FOR WORK"—From a May Morning Photograph.

Taken as some of the men were leaving the seedhouse for work in the gardens and trial grounds. "Ready for Work" is the title also of another photograph—this picture is reproduced on pages 8 and 9.

We pass plantings of Verbenas, Peppers, Zinnias, and come to the Nasturtiums, in the development of which the firm is almost as active now as in the case of the Sweet Pea. Every type and color, dwarf and tall, are to be seen here. Some years ago there was encountered an entirely new type from Europe known as the Ivy-leaved Nasturtium, which instead of an entire flower was marked by deeply-incised petals and Ivy-like leaves. This was taken up with enthusiasm, and by cross-fertilization every attention was paid to accentuating the separate petal feature and developing color. The results are superb. Improvements are also constantly being made in the standard varieties, the effort being to get larger flowers in both kinds and more symmetrical plants in the dwarf, and to produce new colors of flowers. The flowers are frequently twice the size of the older varieties. Some entirely new shades are in hand and will be introduced as they become true to type. In Nasturtiums as in everything else on the farms *the constant aim is to work for something that is better than what is already on the market.*

Zinnias compel passing notice, especially the snowy masses of the famous Snowball, contrasting sharply with the rich scarlet of the Fireball. A year or so ago the firm came across a new type of Zinnia, the plant of which was compact and only six or eight inches in height, being splendidly adapted for bordering. It was at once put under the developing process. Last year it came thirty per cent. true; next year it may attain sixty per cent. When it comes one hundred per cent. true the public will hear more about it. Near the Zinnias are plantings of *Burpee's Defiance Petunia*, the largest-flowered strain in existence, which is a distinctive Fordhook production and the original seed of which can be obtained by growers only from the Burpee firm. This section of the farm contains a considerable acreage of corn, wheat and other field crops.

Incidentally the rotation of crops as practised at FORDHOOK is a most interesting and essential feature. Tomatoes, for instance, are followed by oats, which are harvested in August and the land allowed to lie fallow for four or five weeks. It is then put into wheat and timothy in September, with a sowing of clover the succeeding spring. The grain and grass harvests of the one year are followed by a cutting of clover the next, after which the ground is ready for tomatoes again. Wherever flowers are grown, as soon as the last picking of seed is made a cover crop of rye is sown.

One and a half acres are given over to the potato "workshop," where much hard and careful work is done. The humble tuber, which almost holds rank with bread as a staff of life, is given most distinguished treatment at FORDHOOK. Whenever a new variety is heard of, it is given a full trial and field test. The various varieties are planted side by side, with space enough between the rows to allow of constant and diligent weeding and to prevent mixing of kinds when they are dug. Close at hand is a large patch of Sweet Corn of all kinds which is supplementary to the trial ground plats. Here the character of the plants in the row can be judged, and the corn is abundantly supplied to the farm tables so that very personal and practical tests can be made of the boiling and eating qualities of each kind. Two acres are given over to berries, grapes and other small fruits, which although not on the firm's lists, are also tested, and the knowledge thus acquired is at all times available for Burpee customers.

Great glowing masses of *Salvia Splendens*, the famous and always popular scarlet sage, are met with all over the farms, streaking the prevailing green tint of the landscape with brilliant acres of red. There are blocks of several New Salvias, including a most intense *Blood-Red*, the dwarf *Little Lord Fauntleroy*, and one with a maroon bloom, called "*Maroon Prince*," which is considered off color but unique.

Growing near the small fruit section is found *Kochia Scoparia*, a novel annual hedge plant growing about three feet high, the tiny flowers with which it is covered being perfectly green early in the season and turning to a beautiful shade of crimson later. It develops rapidly, the plants being globe-shaped, averaging two feet in diameter.

Passing on to FORDHOOK No. 2 we encounter rows of the tall "*Daylight*" *Dolichos*, with its long stems of pure white flowers which are followed by silvery beans. This variety, which originated in Japan, forms a striking contrast with "*Darkness*" *Dolichos*, found growing in another part of the farms, the flowers of which are of deep violet hue. Another *Dolichos*, which Mr. Burpee brought from the island of Jamaica, is now being worked upon; this bears a purplish-pink flower followed by a variegated pod. Close by, in an overflow of the trial grounds, is a late test of radishes to be carefully noted in comparison with tests made early in the summer.



ONE OF THE BARNs AT FORDHOOK

Many things of deepest interest must be passed over hastily. Here is a new strain of *Mustard*, which is being worked upon to see what it will do. New strains of other Vegetables and Flowers are undergoing the same process. We pass plantings of *Dwarf Golden Tom Thumb Pop Corn*, with stalks only two or three feet tall; famous *Black Nubian Pepper*; *Many-Flowered Double Sunflower*, which, when it came here from Europe was not quite up to the Burpee ideal, a deficiency that was soon rectified; the novel and beautiful *Burpee's Bush Dolichos* with its creamy white spikes standing up above the foliage, and a green-margined *Petunia*, which being regarded as a freak of nature is not listed. A clump of the much-lauded *Nicotiana Sanderæ*, a member of the tobacco family, bearing crimson-hued, fragrant flowers catches the eye. It is a product of an English hybridizer, and while it has proven somewhat disappointing at Fordhook it is considered that there is a place for it in many gardens.

Cabbage trials are made from seed sown both in February and June with the main idea of determining earliness and lateness. This is kept up year after year for comparison.

Back upon FORDHOOK No. 1 again, after passing through ten acres of chestnut woodland where Nature is allowed to run a little trial ground of her own in her most lavish way, we pass into more patches of flowers, such as a new *Dwarf Sunflower*, only twelve to fifteen inches high, a dwarf Marigold from England upon which it is considered there is five or six years' work ahead to properly develop it; "*Lemon Ball*" *African Marigold*, presenting a brilliant block of yellow; a dwarf growing *Salvia* with scarlet spikes protruding above the foliage; "*Giant of California*" *Petunia*, which it is hoped to make even better at Fordhook than it is in California; richly-colored tracts of *Gladioli*, and finally another "workshop," where *Poppies*, *Phlox* and *Mignonette*, destined for wonderful things in the future, are undergoing treatment. More vegetables, too, such as *Creole Pepper*, which would give more seed if grown in the South, but would lose the early ripening character it has acquired at Fordhook; *Carrots*, which are tested each year on different soils in order to bring out varying characteristics, and at last a complete vegetable garden of one and a half acres for the supply of the farms, where the final test of all, that of eating, is applied to many of the best varieties.

Fordhook's Buildings

Although it is claimed that every building on the FORDHOOK FARMS is intended more for utility than looks, visitors never fail to note the quiet rural beauty that invests most of them,—with surrounding trees and hedges and masses of clinging English ivy and Am-pelopsis. But it is with the strictly utilitarian side that we are concerned just now. The principal farm house and the cottage are the residences respectively of Mr. W. Atlee Burpee and his manager, Mr. Howard M. Earl, whence they can at all times have personal supervision of the detailed work going on about them. Just east of the main farm house is the large, comfortable barn and stables, where at 6 o'clock in the morning the first of the farm routine begins by the arrival of such hands as are delegated to get out the teams and milk the cows. All vehicles and implements are kept under cover. The farm is supplied with pure, sparkling water from a cement-capped well whence it is raised by a windmill into a 46,000-gallon reservoir on an elevation. A hot air engine in another portion of the grounds takes up the work in case of failure of the wind.

In many respects the most important of all the buildings is the seed house, a plain, business-like structure, with more windows than wall for the free admission of light and air, with a driveway straight through to obviate backing of teams, and with a belfry from which are sounded the divisions of the day's routine from 7 o'clock in the morning to 6 at night. The seed house is the rallying point for the hands each morning where orders for the day's work are distributed. In one corner of the building is a tool room, all the tools being numbered and kept on hooks correspondingly numbered, as a check on possible shiftless workers. Down in the cool, light cellar potatoes are stored, quantities of the tubers being brought here from Maine in October for the filling of orders early in the spring.

On the first floor begins the busy labor of preparing seed for the market, a subject that is fascinating enough to warrant a detailed story, but which we must cut short at this time. Sheets and sieves have a room to themselves and are rigidly kept there when not in use. There is a place for everything and everybody on the farm knows what the place is for. A cleaning mill and a double threshing floor are near-by.

The second floor is given over to drying frames in racks, each frame being numbered to correspond with the groove in which it rests as a means of identifying the varieties. Here is also a tiny cleaning fan, looking almost like a toy affair, which can be graduated to any speed and plays a most important part in the preparation of the finest flower seeds. The third floor is devoted to the storage of seeds in their finished shape. Nothing but pure air and light are used in the process of preparing the seeds for market; in fact, there is no artificial heat in the building excepting in one room for the comfort of the hands. This in accordance with the all-prevailing principle at FORDHOOK of letting Nature do her best work in her own way.

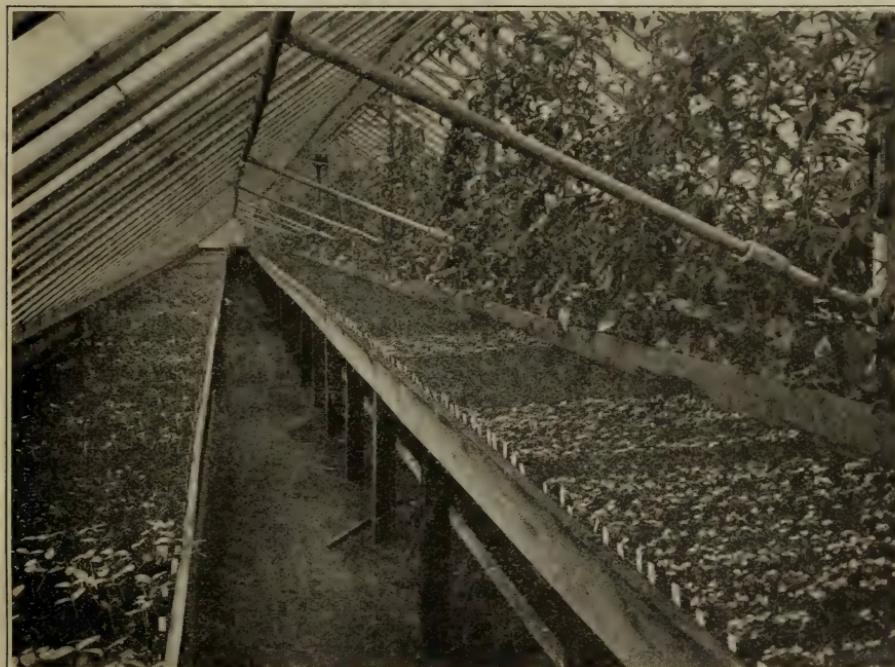
There is a little structure down on a southern slope of the farm where the work of preparing seed of tomatoes, peppers and other fleshy vegetables goes on. These require a special treatment. They are ground up, the seeds and surrounding viscous matter washed through a revolving sieve into barrels, allowed to stand thirty or forty hours to ferment, and the mass thus obtained put into a tank of water, where the seeds sink to the bottom and the lighter matter flows off.



WASHING OUT TOMATO SEED AT FORDHOOK,—from Photograph taken in September, 1905.

A modest, old-fashioned building just south of the seed house is the office, where much of the brain-work that runs the farm is exercised. Here Mr. Burpee, Manager Earl, Superintendent E. D. Darlington and Head Farmer E. J. Woodack meet in many a busy conference and lay plans for campaigns in the vegetable world that are to have far-reaching results. Here are kept the trial ground records and "finders" and an immense amount of detailed data concerning everything at all the Burpee growing centers. On the upper floor some stock seed is stored, and here are kept record books of past years, together with catalogues of the leading seedsmen, both domestic and foreign, and files of the best agricultural and horticultural journals. Each year a diagram of the farms is made, with all the crops marked upon it, to be referred to in the future for rotation purposes.

The buildings on FORDHOOK No. 2 comprise a comfortable stone farm house, a spacious barn, machinery sheds, spring house and ice house. The barn, which is utilized for the storage of hay and the drying of certain gatherings of seeds, comprises among other features a large straw shed, a root cellar, a paddock for horses, and box stalls to be used in case of sickness among the animals. A windmill near at hand insures an ample supply of good water at all times.



TESTING SEEDS FOR VITALITY IN A GREENHOUSE AT FORDHOOK,—from a Photograph.

Every lot of seeds (even those grown by ourselves on our own farms) is tested for vitality before selling. We rely only upon actual soil tests and thus know just how BURPEE'S SEEDS GROW under normal conditions. Besides thousands of open field trials, many thousands of these tests for vitality are made each season and we discard all seeds that do not come up to the BURPEE QUALITY IN SEEDS,—no matter how great the cost. We prefer to bear the loss ourselves rather than sell any seeds which would not give complete satisfaction to our customers.

Some years ago, the firm adopted as its motto the snappy phrase **How We Know "BURPEE'S SEEDS GROW"**—a motto which the experience of growers in all sections of the world has shown to be true as gold. We shall now take a peep into the greenhouses, just south of the office building, and see why it is that this statement can be made with such persistent confidence year after year. In a nutshell the firm is enabled to say that Burpee's seeds grow because they know so. In the greenhouses vitality tests are made of every variety of seed listed in THE FARM ANNUAL. The labelled packages are sent up from the Philadelphia warehouses, and one hundred seeds are planted for each test. It is by the percentage of this number that sprout and make their way through the soil that the character of the seed is judged. There is no alternative—the seed *must* grow; otherwise it is condemned. All tests are made in the soil, the seeds being planted at regulation depth, blotter tests being regarded as unsatisfactory in disclosing the true vitality of the young cotyledons. No heat is used, excepting in winter, when the temperature of the greenhouses is kept at natural summer proportions. Here, as in every other branch of the work, the attempt is made to surround the seed with such an environment as it would find in nature. Different forcing varieties of tomatoes, radishes, lettuce, beets, etc., are also tested each winter.

These vitality tests, which are under the supervision of Walter Scott, are regarded as a most important element conducing to the success of this great industry. Certainly they may be ranked as among the most laborious and careful. The quantity of work involved is immense. As an instance, from September 1, 1904, to May 15, 1905, there stood recorded upon the farm's books 16,086 vitality tests. The results are noted and tabulated and compared just as assiduously as was seen in the case of the trial grounds. Connected with the greenhouses is a group of frames for special tests, hybridization and other purposes.

Among the Dogs and Poultry

Walter Hiestand, superintendent, is always ready to exhibit his charges on visiting days.

Each house is thoroughly clean, whitewashed and disinfected, and each is so arranged that from the entrance alley water and food can be placed inside and eggs and droppings removed without disturbing the birds. The runs, twenty-four by one hundred feet each, planted here and there with peach trees, are enclosed with wire netting. At the present time seven breeds are raised: Brown Leghorn, White Leghorn, Barred Plymouth Rock, Light Brahma, Indian Game, Silver-Laced Wyandotte and Sherwood, the latter being the beautiful white, red-wattled fowls for which Fordhook has long been famous. The Sherwoods (*see illustration below*) are bred on Farm No. 2—where they have more room.

Nearly all the hatching is done in incubators, which are started in January and run until May. The little chicks are transferred in a body to the brooder house, where they remain in a hot-water tempered atmosphere until they are six weeks old, then they are shifted to a house without heat, thence to a yard where they run together until they are old enough to sort out the breeds. Their subsequent existence on the farm is, of course, passed in isolation, each breed by itself, to prevent mixing.

The selling of eggs for setting purposes is quite a busy industry here. In packing the fragile things for shipment a pasteboard case holding thirteen eggs is used, with a bit of excelsior in each compartment. This, when packed, is placed in a basket filled with excelsior and a cardboard tied over the top bearing a label: "Eggs for Hatching." In this way they travel frequently for many hundreds of miles and the loss by breakage is inconsiderable. The shipping season lasts from February 1 to June. As the eggs are gathered from the houses they are stored in labelled drawers, each breed by itself, so that there shall be no future danger of mistaken identity.

Among the SCOTCH COLLIE DOGS the same care as to cleanliness and comfort is shown as for the chickens. The houses are cleaned every day and this cleaning process includes all the agate drinking vessels and feeding dishes. Once a week the houses are thoroughly scrubbed, the yards swept and new hay put in the beds. Human beings could hardly have better surroundings than have these active, soft-eyed beasts, who, themselves, often appear to approach close to the human in their display of intelligence.

Two or three dogs are kept in each house. They breed about once every eight or nine months, six to eight to a litter. The pups are left with their mother for five weeks, then weaned and kept apart for three more weeks before they are sold. One building is used as a hospital, which, as its name indicates, is a receptacle for the sick and injured of dogdom and also a retreat for the females for two weeks before whelping, during which time they are fed upon soft food. Each dog has to have his or her hair brushed and combed every week and submit to a thoroughly cleansing bath once a week during warm weather.

Feeding time in the canine settlement is a great occasion—also a noisy one. It comes twice a day, 8 o'clock in the morning and 4:30 in the afternoon. The staple of diet is bread and milk during the first eight weeks, after which the bill-of-fare comprises boiled rice which frequently contains a little meat as a special tid-bit. The rice is boiled in a huge sixty-gallon cauldron. The older dogs are fed on fresh boiled meat, fresh bones and boiled rice mixed with meat.

Every drop of milk used in feeding the live stock is produced on the farm. The milk is skimmed every morning in a cool little spring-house in the southern section of the place.

System—exacting and conscientious—prevails in dealing with the live stock as with everything else at FORDHOOK. Complete sets of books are kept for both dogs and poultry, showing at a glance every detail as to the number raised and their disposition. In the case of the dogs their pedigrees are set forth in detail.

In addition to its seed output FORDHOOK enjoys an enviable reputation for its pedigreed Scotch Collies and its fancy strains of pure-bred Poultry. Almost in the center of Fordhook No. 1 are clustered the habitations of these interesting furred and feathered tribes, and

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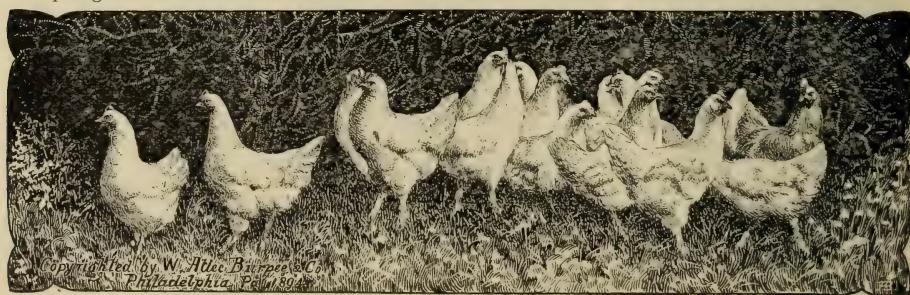
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SAVING STOCK SEED OF BURPEE'S EXTRA EARLY WHITE SPINE CUCUMBER,—at Sunnybrook Farm.

Down on the New Jersey Farm

As many varieties of both vegetables and flowers are found to attain the best conditions in a sandy soil, the house of Burpee determined to have such a habitat among their available land assets, and so purchased SUNNYBROOK FARM, three miles below Swedesboro, N. J.,

in Woolwich township of Gloucester County. The farm is admirably adapted to both seed growing and testing, has a stream of water running through it and possesses a good-sized tract of woodland. The land, which is mostly a light, sandy soil merging into a sandy loam, has a general southern or south-eastern exposure and is well-drained, all these details having been noted with keen eyes before the purchase was made.

A tramp around the fields discloses many of the same growing things as we have already seen at FORDHOOK, but under new conditions. Besides which there are some new problems involved here that will repay looking into. In the first place, there are a number of acres given over to the *Cucurbitaceæ*—Watermelons, Muskmelons, Squashes, Cucumbers and other such fleshy things—a much larger proportion than on the Pennsylvania farms. Among the squashes we see the famous *Fordhook*, the *Boston Marrow*, the *Hubbards* and a host of others. Many duplicates of *Fordhook* trials are made here for the purpose of further studying the plants under varying surroundings.

We run across a patch of *Chinese Giant Peppers*, one grower of which is ready to swear that twenty-four of them once filled a bushel basket. They are immense red fruit, with thick walls for baking, sweet as an apple, and excellent for stuffing, one pepper being sufficient for four persons. Many cabbages are under test, there sometimes being a doubt as to whether two alleged varieties are not identical, a doubt which must be eliminated by rigid trials. Here is a plat of *Early Stonehead*, introduced by the Burpee firm several years ago, and not far away is *Early Volga*, which has been widely advertised by other houses, but which has proved to be identical with *Burpee's Early Stonehead*.

Quite a large assortment of peppers are found growing. Of particular interest is the *Large-Early Neapolitan*, which is of Italian origin. It is the first large pepper to reach the market in early spring and is principally used for the green peppers. The variety was introduced into this country by Italian gardeners who settled near Bridgeton, N. J., and they had a monopoly of it for years. There are also plantings of *Black Nubian* and *Burpee's Ruby King*,—being kept in the firm's own hands for continued stock selection. The latter point also applies to *Fordhook Early Watermelon*, the stock seed of which is grown on the New Jersey farm. Beds of Watermelons and Muskmelons are separated by blocks of corn in order to keep the types pure.

Sweet corn is tested both here and at FORDHOOK,—here principally for earliness. Much attention is paid to the growing of *Spark's Earliana* tomato, which originated only five miles from this farm. Unlike most other houses, W. Atlee Burpee and Co. continue to raise this variety on its native heath, as if grown on heavier soils it will deteriorate. Large crops of it are grown from the firm's stock on adjoining farms under strict supervision. *Black Beauty Egg Plant* makes a good showing. It is earlier than the old *New York Purple* and is a better color. It has no thorns even on the calyx. It ships better than the *New York*, has a rich velvety appearance and in New Jersey has driven everything else out of the market. *Limas* are being worked upon for sturdier vines, better beans and an earlier crop.

Fordhook Famous Cucumber seems to enjoy itself in the Jersey soil. It is a new variety originating in Canada and contains the blood of an English forcing type crossed on White Spine, giving a very handsome extra long green cucumber that never turns yellow. We run into a plat of *Verbenas*, white, crimson and purple, and then into a long, glowing strip of *Salvia splendens*, which has already been noted as one of the floral glories of Fordhook. It is considered such an important thing to have plenty of good *Salvia* seed that it is planted in both places, so that if it fails on one farm there will be a crop from the other. A special trial of *Nasturtiums*, for the purpose of stock selections, is under way,—including, of course, the Ivy-leaved type in all its forms.

Careful work is expended upon the *Giant Pera Cucumber*. The seed is always grown on the firm's own farms, as it wants close attention and is a shy seeder. *Melrose Muskmelon*, a fine variety, full-netted, with no ribs, has a generous planting. Floral beauties that have already been noted at Fordhook again flaunt themselves before the eye here, such as the "Darkness" and "Daylight" Dolichos, Burpee's "Brilliant Beauties" in New Tom Thumb Nasturtiums, Nicotiana Sanderæ, Defiance Petunias, Queen of Tom Thumb Nasturtiums, with Gladioli, Dahlias, Mignonettes, Balsams, Phlox Drummondii and many other attractive things. One floral novelty must hold us a moment. This is *Burbank's Crimson Eschscholtzia*. Some years ago Luther Burbank, looking over a field of ordinary Eschscholtzia, or California poppy, discovered a flower with a tinge of pink. He worked upon this "sport" with all his wonderful power of selection until he had bred it to a superb crimson rose color. The seed was secured by Mr. Burpee and it is listed among the Novelties of 1906.

A plat of twelve acres on the New Jersey farm is given over to forage plants, grown for the firm's own information.

No seed is prepared for market here, but is shipped in the rough state to Fordhook and there put through the careful processes by which it is made ready to go out to the firm's thousands of customers.

In the Burpee Warehouses

The distributing center of this vast seed industry is the big Burpee warehouses in Philadelphia, located at 475 and 477 North Fifth street, 476 and 478 York avenue, 463 North Fifth street and 468 and 470 York avenue. Here are received the seeds in their per-

fected state, not only from the firm's own Pennsylvania and New Jersey farms, but from hundreds of growers throughout the United States and in foreign lands.

In the Burpee Building, seven stories high, the chief activity reigns. The power used is electrical, and there is no fire in any portion of the building, the heating apparatus being located beneath the street on the York avenue front. The spacious basement, cool yet free from frost, is principally devoted to the storage of potatoes, bulbs and onion sets. On the first floor are located the firm's private offices, the clerical staff and the Mail Room, where thousands of orders come pouring in daily. System is here as rigidly enforced as on the farms. An adding machine is utilized for expediting cash accounts. The immense numbers of customers are booked by the card index system, being classified according to post-offices and States. In the rear is the shipping floor opening out upon York avenue, an unusually wide thoroughfare which affords perfect facilities for the prompt handling of teams with the least possible delay.

The second floor is given over to the Mail Order Department, where deft fingers fill the demands of customers. All seeds are previously put up in the different sized packets handled by the firm, and every packet of more than an ounce is sealed with a green seal, as well as dated. In one section of the floor is a space allotted to vegetable seeds, in another flower seeds, and in still another, bulbs. In the rear is a busy place where the filled orders are prepared for the mails. Each order is double-checked to insure that it contains just what the customer wants and in the proper quantities. From the checking table the orders go to the bundle-makers, thence to the wrapping table, the stamping table and finally into mail bags according to States, the latter as an aid to the postal authorities in getting the matter out in the quickest time.

A complete printing office is in operation on the third floor, where most of the seed bags the firm uses are printed. All surplus package stock on this floor, as everywhere else in the buildings, is carefully curtained over when not being drawn upon. In a department in the front is seen a most ingenious papering machine, which with merely the tendance of one young woman is capable of turning out from 25,000 to 30,000 packets of seeds each day. Here is also a corner devoted to the filling of finished orders, each order being numbered and 300 orders being arranged in each book.

The Freight and Express Order Department and Wholesale Department occupy the fourth floor, there being a drawer or bin for everything the firm carries. The three upper floors, which are unheated, are given over to the storage of seeds to be drawn upon as business needs require. Every part of the building is lighted by electricity, and automatic telephones connect every department. All the drinking water is brought from Fordhook, and every attention is paid to the comfort and health of the employees. An electric elevator and a dumb waiter run through the entire building from basement to roof.

The annex on Fifth street below the main building is principally devoted to catalogue work, including the addressing of thousands upon thousands of bags in which to mail THE FARM ANNUAL and other Catalogues,—which work starts with a rush in mid-December. On the second floor are two private offices and also a storage room for the catalogue bags. The third and fourth floors are used for light storage. The basement is used for the storage of bulbs. In the rear on York avenue is a double annex store-house, a light, airy building with a large elevator and air-shaft.

INTRODUCTORY ANNOUNCEMENT CONCERNING AWARD OF PRIZES OFFERED FOR BEST REPORTS ON SPECIAL NOVELTIES OF 1905.

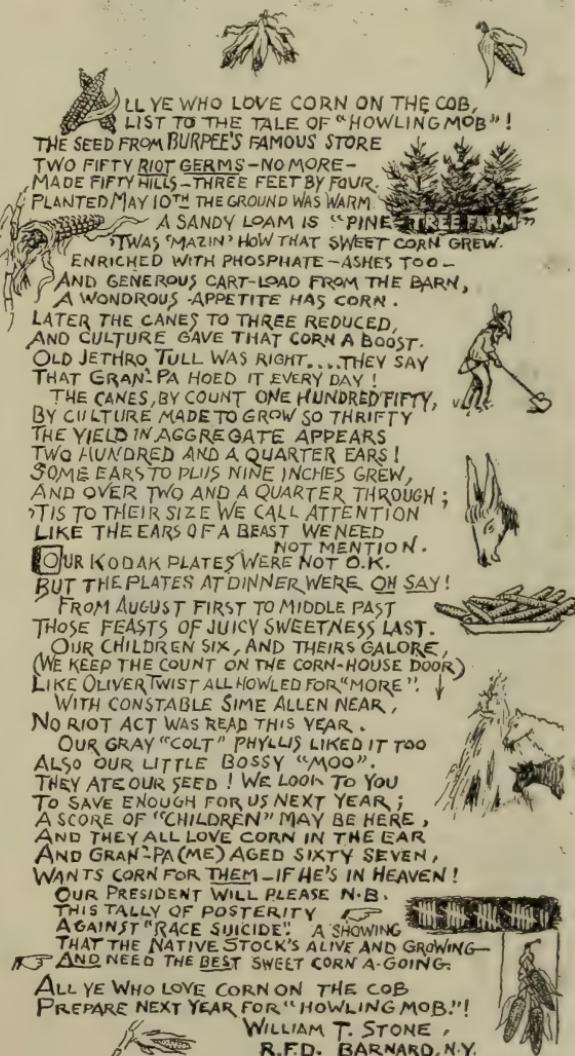
In announcing the list of the winners of the prizes in connection with several of our Novelties first introduced last year, we wish to thank each and all of the many competitors for the great pleasure that the reading of the reports has given us. We value also the kind words in appreciation of our endeavors to present new varieties of Vegetables and Flowers which shall be worthy of cultivation by surpassing in merit the standard varieties.

While we examine Novelties carefully in the gardens of the originators and also make comprehensive tests in our own grounds, we like to have our opinions confirmed by the growth and development of these new varieties in the gardens of our customers in all sections of the country. For this reason and to secure reports from as many different localities as possible we instituted some years ago the plan of offering prizes for the finest specimens and best reports of the growth and desirability of certain novelties when first offering them to our friends and customers through the medium of BURPEE'S FARM ANNUAL.

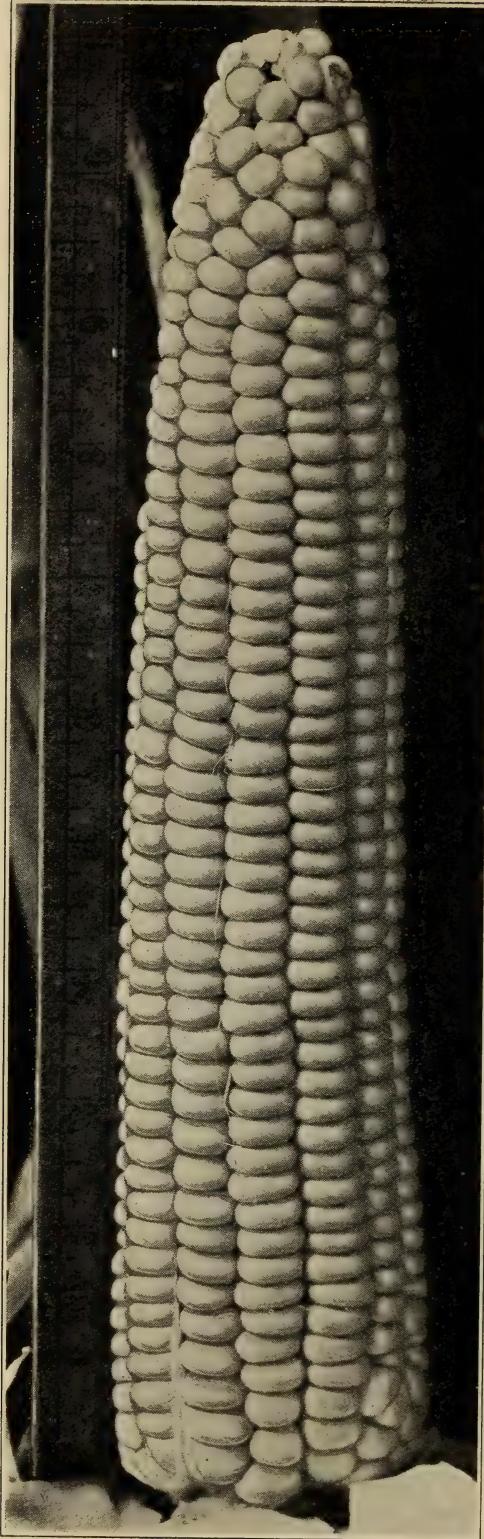
Last year we offered a series of prizes in connection with six novelties, and also for the best reports on a new forcing radish, of which a packet of seed was sent free to each customer asking for it when ordering other seeds. The offer of these prizes resulted in our receiving a very large number of reports, all of which have been carefully read. The list of prizes as announced in this Supplement has been made up from a consideration of the reports submitted by a committee of judges who went over the reports individually and then consulted together as to the proper awarding of the prizes. In reading these reports it is a matter of regret that we cannot award a prize to each competitor sending us a report, as each and all are of great interest, setting forth, as they do, the growth and development of the variety and its merits under widely different conditions. Some few of the reports refer to failures of the new variety to make good the merits claimed for it in our preliminary announcement, and these honest reports of failure are almost equally as valuable to us as the more favorable ones; they serve to mark the limitations of the variety. It is exceptional for any single variety to prove best adapted for all locations. As a rule, however, we find that the special varieties we offer succeed well for the greater majority of our customers, and from some of the reports we find that in the hands of gardeners in especially favorable locations or under special conditions, greatly surpass the results obtained in our own plantings.

During the summer and early fall months there is no feature of our business more interesting than the hundreds of letters received from our friends and customers telling of their experiences. Being tillers of "mother earth" ourselves we well know the difference between success and failure.

"Prove all things and hold fast to that which is good."



AN UNIQUE POSTAL-CARD REPORT



Award of Prizes on New Sweet Corn,— Howling Mob.

For Best Photographs of a Single Ear in the
Green State.

First prize, \$15.00—J. N. ROOT, Ionia, Mich.
Second prize, \$10.00—KENNETH HANKINSON,
R. F. D. 14, Grand
Rapids, Mich.
Special prize, \$5.00—A. FULTON BOYD, Lime-
stone, Pa.

For the Best Dried Ears.

First prize, \$15.00—J. B. DEROCK, North
Warren, Pa.
Second prize, \$10.00—MISS MAY SCHECK, R.
F. D., West Webster,
N. Y.

For Postal Card Reports.

First prize, \$25.00—W. LLOYD NICHOLS, R.
F. D. 5, Ravenna,
Ohio.
Second prize, \$15.00—WM. W. FOUST, Barne-
gat, N. J.
Third prize, \$10.00—MISS LOUISE MUR-
FIELD, Kirkwood, Mo.
Fourth prize, \$5.00—REV. B. H. DUPUY,
Davis, W. Va.
Fifth prize, \$5.00—WM. T. STONE, R. F.
D., Barnard, N. Y.
Sixth prize, \$2.00—MRS. D. A. HITCHMAN,
21-23 N. Main St.,
Schoharie, N. Y.
Seventh prize, \$2.00—CHAS. G. ADDISON,
Springfield, Md.
Eighth prize, \$2.00—JOHN T. TEAT, R. F. D.
4, Cardington, Ohio.
Ninth prize, \$2.00—G. D. GOVE, 914 Day-
ton Ave., Wichita,
Kansas.
Tenth prize, \$2.00—J. E. RUE, Littleton,
N. C.

Thirty-five Prizes of \$1.00 each to:

TILDEN MORELAND, R. F. D. 1, Ringgold, Ga.
G. W. NOTT, Derrick City, Pa.
MRS. J. C. BROWN, 1450 Harrison Ave., Cin-
cinnati, Ohio.
MRS. H. E. WILLIAMS, Knowlton, Quebec,
Canada.
MRS. WM. A. ROUSE, R. F. D. 4, Galena, Ill.
EDWIN MICKLEM, Broadus, Va.
MISS SYLVIA M. FARNUM, Crestview, Tenn.
G. M. HUMPHRIES, Alexandria, Va.
MRS. H. L. SANGER, South Woodstock, Conn.
R. A. WILTERMOOD, Newport, Ind.
REUBEN P. BURGESS, Lebanon, Conn.
C. H. DIBBLE, Perry, N. Y.
EUGENE C. CASE, Benzonia, Mich.
PAUL SMITH, Easton, Md.
GEO. F. GREGORY, Fredericton, N. B., Canada.
CAMERON D. YORK, Bristol, Pa.
ALBERT GLEASON, Castleton, Ill.
JOHN S. HUNTER, Savannah, Mo.
WM. A. BAKER, Trenton, Tenn.
MISS IDA A. MELLEN, Box 176, McLean, N. Y.
MRS. W. L. MOORE, Little Sauk, Minn.
ARTHUR H. CARTER, Claremont, Va.
MRS. H. A. SPRAGUE, Lattry, Iowa.
CHAS. D. HINDS, 405 Erie St., Syracuse, N. Y.
THEO. W. HANKINS, Hightstown, N. J.
R. M. BOSTWICK, Janesville, Wis.
P. B. BARNARD, 28 Sumach St., Toronto, Ont.,
Canada.
A. FULTON BOYD, Limestone, Pa.
THOS. J. STEED, Buena Vista, Ga.
JOHN WARNER, W. Duxbury, Mass.
MISS EDITH B. DARLING, East Otto, N. Y.
S. MARVIN, Cornwall Bridge, Conn.
C. R. JAMES, Cheriton, Va.
C. F. BARBER, 51 Wall St., Auburn, N. Y.
L. H. GIRTON, Bristol, Ind.

Our offer was for thirty \$1.00 prizes, but on
account of receiving an exceptionally large num-
ber of fine reports we decided to award five
extra prizes.

 For another photograph and our own
carefully considered description of
Howling Mob Sweet Corn,—see page 10 of BUR-
PEE'S FARM ANNUAL FOR 1906.

We could fill many pages with other reports—
equally as enthusiastic as those printed,—did
space permit.

W. ATLEE BURPEE & CO.

SWEET CORN,—BURPEE'S NEW LARGE-EARED EARLY "HOWLING MOB."

The reports sent by our customers who planted this sweet corn the past season all agree in praising it as the finest and sweetest early large-eared sweet corn they have ever grown,—only many of these friends think it should have a more euphonious name,—“*Superb*” and “*Ne Plus Ultra*” being more suggestive of its splendid flavor. Still nearly all of the reports state that the name “*Howling Mob*” is aptly descriptive of those who have tested it on the table and who call for more!

The seed is of exceptional hardiness, and makes a quick start from early plantings where other more tender varieties are a failure. The stalks are of strong vigorous growth, averaging five to six feet in height, well furnished with leaves and generally producing two large ears to a stalk, although a friend in Georgia reports a much stronger growth and as high as five good ears to a single stalk! In season it is a second early, coming in between *Early Fordhook* and *Burpee's White Evergreen*.

The ears are seven to nine inches long, have a large white cob with fourteen or more rows of deep pure white grains, being filled to the extreme end of the broad blunt tip. The ears are enclosed in a stout heavy husk which extends beyond the tip and entirely protects the grain from “smut” or “worms,”—a most desirable feature in the South, where the early sweet corns cannot be generally grown on account of these troubles.

In quality all reports unite in stating that the “*Howling Mob*” is the best and sweetest early white corn they have ever grown. “None better, either early or late,—the grains having the sweet-ness of new milk.”

First Prize Report.

W. LLOYD NICHOLS, Route No. 5, Ravenna, Ohio, October 23, 1905, writes: I planted the Howling Mob Corn and although the weather was cold and wet, every kernel grew. The stalks were of medium size, good strong substance, resisting wind and storm. Nearly every stalk produced two large ears of the finest quality, while some tried to produce three. Some ears measured ten inches, and were filled with sixteen rows of deep grains; smooth, large and white, of unusual sweet, juicy richness. It is sweeter than sweet, and sweetest of all sweets. It follows very closely the very early sorts, requiring but little more ground, making it especially desirable for those with limited space. I consider it the best of all early sweet corn. Good while growing, BETTER when sold and BEST OF ALL when eaten. It is the only sweet corn that combines earliness, large size, handsome appearance and unsurpassed quality.

Remarkably Sweet and Tender.

WM. W. FOUST, Barnegat, Ocean Co., N. J., Sept. 4, 1905, writes: Stalks of medium height and stocky, not easily blown down by wind. It is almost first early, about four or five days later than *Golden Bantam*, with ears fully as large as Stowell's Evergreen, often two to three to the stalk and with white grains. It is remarkably sweet and tender, in this respect only equalled by *Golden Bantam*. It is the largest early corn and the earliest large corn I ever raised. Its earliness, large size, beautiful appearance, and extra quality are certain to make it very popular. It is almost entirely free from smut, where other varieties are badly infested.

Every Ear Fills Perfectly.

MISS LOUISE MURTFELDT, Kirkwood, Mo., October 2, 1905, writes: Howling Mob Corn merits a more euphonious name—might appropriately be called “*Ne Plus Ultra*,” as for medium early its qualities leave nothing to be desired. Grown on clay loam enriched with stable manure and wood ashes. Planting on May 3d followed by heavy hail storm; ground rather cold and wet, yet every kernel grew. First cultivation with hoe May 11th, succeeded by two others. First ears ready for the table July 10th. Crop very heavy, though the hills were only 20 inches apart each way. Only two rows and no other corn growing near, yet every ear filled out perfectly. Pronounced by all who ate of it very delicious. No corn in our market to compare with it in size, beauty of the ears as well as excellence, at the same date. In our latitude could raise second crop from seed of the first. Stalks stout and leafy and would make fine fodder.

C. F. BARBER, 51 Wall St., Auburn, N. Y., October 11th, 1905, writes: In market garden of fourteen acres I have tried to carefully and thoroughly test seven varieties of sweet corn, and never, in so many desirable qualities, have found an equal to “*Howling Mob*.” Only a few days later than the little *Cory*, but with ears more than double in size and most delicious and tender and surely sweeter. It is verily a prize of inestimable value to all market gardeners who are so favored as to be on the list of Burpee & Company.

Finest Flavor; Sure Cropper.

REV. B. H. DUPUY, Davis, W. Va., October 13, 1905, writes: Howling Mob is a second early sugar variety and comes in with “*Cosmopolitan*.” Its stalk grows about five feet in height, with short fodder, and usually bears two fine ears, which are very handsome, eight to nine inches in height, two and a half inches in diameter with twelve or fourteen rows of large and deep pure white grains. The cob is white and well filled with grains to the point of the ear. One of our ears measured eight and a half inches in length and two and a half inches in diameter, having only twelve rows of grains, which will indicate their size.

In flavor Howling Mob excels all other varieties of corn, being of superior and unusual sugary sweet-ness,—the sweetest corn we ever raised. It is the most desirable variety for quality and quantity, to plant for a succession of crops, both for market and home use. This test of it was made on the top of the Alleghanies, altitude 3100 feet, where the season is short and cool. It is destined to become most popular for finest flavor and as a sure cropper, among the second early sweet corns.

Grains Very Sweet.

JOHN T. TEAT, Cardington, Ohio, Sept. 11, 1905, writes: Howling Mob proved to be a very satisfactory second early of sturdy growth, of good size and splendid rich sugary flavor. The seed was very hardy and grew perfectly even when many fields of field corn rotted and had to be replanted entire. The ears are seven to ten inches long with grains to very tip; mostly fourteen rowed; with grains of paper whiteness; extra sweet and of fine form and very attractive, while the thick heavy husks thoroughly protect the ears from birds and the Boll Worm. Grains very tender. The grains are placed very compactly on a white cob. In season Howling Mob follows *Early Bantam*, with fodder averaging 4 feet in height and well bladed.

L. H. GIRTON, Bristol, Indiana, October 25th, 1905, writes: In regard to the Howling Mob Sweet, too much cannot be said in its favor. I have been trying for twenty-one years to perfect a sweet corn that would combine the qualities of earliness, large size, sweetness and yield; and Howling Mob is all of them. In fact, after trying all of the leading kinds, it is, considering everything, head and shoulder above them all. Nearly every stalk two large ears, and three and four ears not uncommon.

Of Finest Flavor; Sugary Sweetness.

J. E. RUE, Littleton, N. C., October 22, 1905, writes: “*Howling Mob*” is destined to become the sweet corn of the future. The ears are large and long with deep and broad well filled grains of the very finest flavor and sugary sweet-ness, not found in other varieties so far as my observation goes. As a second early and main crop for home use, sale and canning it stands at the head of the list for its whiteness and yield. Its success in North Carolina is wonderful. The stalk takes a firm hold on the soil, has plenty of foliage and husk to protect the ears. Cooks quickly.



S. MARVIN, Cornwall Bridge, Conn., October 29, 1905, writes:

The sweet corn you sent me
By name the "Howling Mob,"
In every way was perfect
From outside ear to cob.
The growth not large, the ears were fine,
No smut or nothing foul;
Friends came, enough to make a mob
And yet they did not howl,
But they were quiet in their praise,
They tasted it to see;
Their verdict was "the best we know
Just like W. A. Burpee."
It came up well; its thrifty growth
Could easily be seen.
The sturdy stalks, the blossoms full,
And leaves of living green
Though not so early or so late
As some you recommend;
But yet the choicest of them all
For family or for friend.
When eaten raw the connoisseur
Would deign to take a bite;
When cooked, both corn and cob
Were almost snowy white.
The flavor so delicious
We all exclaimed "superb!"
So from that time to this
Plant the "Howling Mob" is heard.
Then keep on in your honest search
Of new fine types to fix;
Please have some in your catalogue
Of nineteen hundred and six.
For 1906 will be
Your star in seed career;
'Tis then you hope to celebrate
A score and half of years.

Ears Large and Fine.

G. D. GOVE, 914 Dayton Ave., Wichita, Kansas, August 27, 1905, writes: I received package of Howling Mob corn containing 48 grains which I planted on first day of April. It made good growth, stalks being four feet high. Was ready to use on the 22d day of June. The ears were large and fine, fully as large as Stowell's Evergreen. . . . As to cooking qualities—there is none better either of early or late varieties. I expected to find it good from the fact that Burpee so recommended it, but was agreeably surprised to find it better than I expected with ears so large and fine as to quality.

C. R. JAMES, Cheriton, Va., July 21, 1905, writes: Please allow me to describe your Howling Mob corn as follows:

Howling Mob
Medium Cob,
Short in grain
Large and plain.
Good to eat,
Hard to beat.
Quick to grow
Close in row.—
Stalks, though not tall,
Are stout withal.
With tillage fair
Two ears they bear.
Wherever tried
'Tis magnified.
Because its yield
In lot or field
Is always great
And so first rate

Will be the gain
If in the main
At eve or morn
We plant this corn.
In garden spot
Or larger lot
Where corn is grown
This will be known.
None but the wise
Can win your prize,
For all did make
A great mistake
Who failed to grow
And thus to know
(Serf or Nabob)
Your Howling Mob.

THEO. W. HANKINS, Hightstown, N. J., Sept. 25, 1905, writes: I bought two packages of your Howling Mob Sweet Corn and sold \$8.00 worth from it. It was ready to pull by the 10th of July. I sold it in Trenton and the store-keepers wanted to know where I raised it and what it was. They never saw anything like it before. It is certainly fine!

MISS EDITH B. DARLING, East Otto, New York, Sept. 28, 1905, writes:

Down in a sunny, fertile field, where tallest corn might grow,
Stood five short rows of "Howling Mob," with five hills in each row.
Eight bright-eyed, happy boys and girls had watched
with patient care:
At last they saw the tassels brown, and knew the ears were there:
Two to each stalk; ten to each hill: O, what a feast! But stay!
An old red cow had found the spot.—Why did she have to stay?
I heard them coming. Vain, all in vain, that "howling mob" to still.
Only one treasured ear remained—the cow had had her fill
Of kernels plump and sugar sweet, more precious far than gold
Each had one taste—but how he longed for more
cannot be told.

Photograph taken August 18, 1905, of George E. Bartlett, Eliot, Me., on the occasion of the celebration of his birthday. Mr. Bartlett, August 27, 1905, writes:—Prize corn, Howling Mob, packet contained 105 kernels. Plot of ground measured 9 × 13 ft.; planted May 15th, commenced to eat August 15th; 26 hills; ground not plowed, dug over with a hoe; no high grade fertilizers or barn manure, only one handful of wood-ashes to each hill; hoed twice; corn sweet, 7 to 8 ft. high, greater part two nice ears to each stalk; also stood a most severe drought; can be proved by the best and most reliable citizens, noted men and women from Burton. This corn is acknowledged to be beautiful as well as sweet.

We had a most difficult task in reaching a decision as to the best reports and finally decided that in order to have a "square deal" in the award of the "Dollar Premiums," it was necessary to award (see page 30) five extra prizes. We knew the merits of "Howling Mob," but were surprised to see how quick the purchasers were to recognize "a good thing."

THE JUDGES.

BUSH BEAN.—BURPEE'S WHITE WAX.

Having introduced in previous years such grand varieties as *Burpee's Stringless Green-Pod*, *Burpee's Saddleback Wax* and *Burpee's Brittle Wax Beans*, our customers naturally looked for exceptional merit in **BURPEE'S WHITE WAX**. They were not disappointed! The reports received are unanimous in enthusiastically praising this new general purpose wax bean. Planters in the cool northern locations pronounce the seed as being exceptionally hardy, germinating well and producing plants of strong vigorous growth where other varieties were injured or entirely killed by cold wet weather. The plants were of strong healthy growth, and clothed with ample foliage, stiffly erect in habit, the stout branches holding the handsome pods well above the soil, so that the pods were kept entirely free from rust, by which many standard varieties were badly affected and in some cases entirely destroyed. This feature was especially noticeable where the *Davis White Wax* and *Wardwell's Kidney Wax* were planted at the same time for comparison.

In some instances the plants attained a height of eighteen inches with a circumference of nearly three feet, being thickly set with the fine golden yellow pods, single plants producing from sixty to one hundred and twenty pods each. The pods average five to six inches in length and are perfectly straight, even in size, flat and slightly broader at the bottom than at the top when young. The color is a light golden yellow and the pods are quite fleshy; later when the beans are of good size they may be shelled green, or when fully matured make an excellent dry bean.

BURPEE'S WHITE WAX BEAN,—from photograph of a plant grown by CHARLES H. PARK, Manderson, South Dakota.



Award of Prizes on Burpee's White Wax Bush Bean.

For Most Prolific Bush.

First prize, \$35.00—for handsome bush containing 203 pods to MRS. A. C. JONES, Greenville, Ill.

Second prize, \$15.00—for bush containing 151 pods to T. T. BACHELLER, Editor "Agricultural Experiments," Minneapolis, Minn.

For the Best Two Pods.

First prize, \$12.50—S. H. LOMAN, R. F. D. 2, Nassau, N. Y. Pod 7 $\frac{1}{16}$ and 6 $\frac{1}{4}$ ins. long.

Second prize, \$7.50—MISS FLORENCE SARGENT, Fairfield, Iowa. Pods 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ and 6 $\frac{1}{4}$ ins. long.

Third prize, \$5.00—C. GRAHAM, Pomona, Tenn. Pods 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ and 6 $\frac{1}{4}$ ins. long.

For the Best Photograph of a Single Plant.

First prize, \$15.00—CHAS. H. PARK, Manderson, S. D.

Second prize, \$5.00—MRS. J. H. KINDRED, La-Grande, Oregon.

Third prize, \$2.00—MRS. JOHN T. LINDALE, Dover, Del.

For the Best Brief Reports.

First prize, \$25.00—J. E. MURPHY, Clockville, N. Y.

Second prize, \$15.00—REV. L. C. HOOVER, Home-worth, Ohio.

Third prize, \$10.00—J. W. JUNG, Randolph, Wis.

Fourth prize, \$5.00—MRS. H. G. FUNK, R. F. D. 2, South Haven, Mich.

Fifth prize, \$5.00—THOS. C. ROBERTS, Box 38, Rutledge, Mo.

Sixth prize, \$2.50—E. A. SMITH, Northville, Mich.

Seventh prize, \$2.50—E. D. FROST, Montour Falls, N. Y.

Eighth prize, \$2.50—JOS. GIBSON, Gardener to James Stillman, Esq., "Oaklawn," Newport, R. I.

Ninth prize, \$2.50—C. R. JAMES, Cheriton, Va.

Thirty Prizes of \$1.00 each to:

J. S. S. POWELL, Shedd's, Oregon.

CAMERON D. YORK, Bristol, Pa.

MRS. JACOB HOCKETT, Lock Box 266, Fairmount, Ind.

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MRS. DILLWYN BARTON, R. F. D. 3, Waterloo, N. Y.

H. F. STRATTON, Lebanon, Tenn.

REV. T. D. BOONE, 113 East Maiden St., Washington, Pa.

B. W. JACOBS, Box 85, Malvern, Pa.

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F. A. BERNHARDT, 249 New Britain Ave., Hartford, Conn.

MISS LYDIA T. CHANDLER, Marshfield, Mass.

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MRS. M. WINNIE, Honesdale, Pa.

MRS. W. M. ROUSE, R. F. D. 4, Galena, Ill.

T. T. BACHELLER, Editor "Agricultural Experiments," Minneapolis, Minn.

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MRS. LORENZO STILLWILL, R. F. D. 1, LaGrande, Oregon.

JOHN GRAPE, Box 33, R. F. D. 5, Waukesha, Wis.

L. P. COPPINGER, Morrison, Tenn.

HENRY CROWE, Bondgate House, Otley, Yorkshire, England.

L. A. LOWMASTER, Upper Sandusky, Ohio.

CHAS. A. WYMAN, Gaston, Oregon.

ALBERT GLEASON, Castleton, Ill.

J. C. SCRIPTURE, Dunsmuir, Cal.

GEO. R. PROCTOR, Sta. No. 4, Peoria, Ill.

G. G. GIBBS, Vail, N. J.

THOS. J. STEED, Buena Vista, Ga.

MISS CLARA A. CURTISS, 66 Village Ave., Dedham, Mass.

ABEL STEELE, Ferguson, Ont., Canada.

J. R. LAWRENCE, North Middleboro, Mass.

Sample Reports on Burpee's White Wax Bean.

First Prize Report.

J. E. MURPHY, Clockville, N. Y., October 27th, 1905, writes: Burpee's White Wax Bush Bean is a unique and very distinct new variety of genuine merit, unusual character and habits, and without a doubt decidedly the finest wax bean in appearance, quality and productiveness ever grown. It received no petting and bore a remarkable crop of the most magnificent pods I have ever seen or eaten.

The plants are wonderfully productive, vigorous, compact and erect, and grow from fifteen to twenty inches in height. They bush very freely and hold their load of pods and blows well up from the soil, thus keeping them clean and free from rust and easy to pick. It has a remarkably well developed root system and therefore is able to withstand hot, dry weather, which blasts the blossoms and young pods of many varieties.

The leaves are large, stiff and of stout texture. They are light green in color, with veins of deep green, and show no traces of blight, although some varieties blighted badly in the same field. They are borne very profusely and completely hide the blossoms and pods from view, thus protecting them from late frosts in spring as well as the scorching rays of midsummer's sun.

The pods are borne in the greatest profusion, in clusters of four and six, close to the stalk and through a longer season than any other variety. The color of the pods is a distinct brilliant lemon-yellow. They grow very broad, thick and straight, are very symmetrical, handsome and uniform in shape and size, and retain their beautiful fresh appearance for a long time after picking. Therefore, it is a good shipper. The beans are absolutely stringless through all stages of growth. It has the thickest, heaviest and firmest pods of any bean I have ever handled.

In earliness and productiveness it excels *Davis White Wax*—the pods also being more uniform in size and easier to pick. It is more prolific and has larger and thicker pods than *Rust-Proof*, *Golden Wax*, and it stands in its class where *Burpee's Brittle Wax* and *Burpee's Stringless Green Pod* stand in theirs—the best of their kind, each one. It seems to me that for market they are its only rivals, while for canning it has no equal.

Best Yellow-Podded Bean.

REV. L. C. HOOVER, Homeworth, Ohio, October 19th, 1905, writes: Your New White Bean, No. 55, is a wonder, and in quality, beauty and productiveness is unsurpassed. The bushes are of a strong, upright growth, having not the least tendency to vine, but holding the pods well off the ground, and are wonderfully prolific.

The pods are of a beautiful bright yellow, from five to six inches in length and one-half inch broad.

It is of superior quality. The pods are very brittle and meaty, have an excellent flavor and are entirely free from strings, even when the pods become too old for use. The beans are of a snowy white and are fine for use as shell beans, either green or dried.

One remarkable quality of this bean is its ability to withstand wet weather,—a quality too often wanting in string beans, but one that is very desirable. With us the season was very wet and many varieties were rendered almost worthless on account of rust, from which the *White Wax*, No. 55, was entirely free.

Were I to condense my opinion into one sentence, I would say that "it is the best all purpose yellow-podded bean in cultivation."

Very Desirable for Canning.

J. W. JUNG, Randolph, Wisconsin, September 20, 1905, writes: Burpee's New White Wax Beans planted May 20th came up May 25th, showing unusual vigor and vitality. The wet and cold weather of this northern climate seemed to have no effect on them. The color of the leaves is a dark green, bushes of strong upright growth about fifteen inches high. First blossoms appeared June 20th while the first pods were picked July 8th.

The pods and leaves successfully withstood rusts which entirely ruined *Davis White Wax*. The plants are heavily laden with the beautiful lemon yellow pods, which are from four to six inches long and of the finest quality. The pods are very slow in passing from the snap to the shell bean state—a point much desired by canners. As a shell bean they equal limas in flavor. It has no equal for either canning, home and market garden use, or as a dry bean for winter use, the seed being white.

Superior to Any Other Variety.

MRS. H. G. FUNK, R. F. D. 2, South Haven, Michigan, September 7th, 1905, writes: We planted several varieties of beans this spring and Burpee's White Wax certainly "took the cake."

The strong, thrifty looking bushes were literally loaded with handsome smooth, clear yellow pods.

The pods are absolutely stringless, meaty, broad and straight, with no inclination to kink up.

When cooked they make a dish fit for a king. They have a most delicious meaty flavor. Unlike most varieties, cooking seems to intensify their beautiful lemon color, instead of rendering them dark and uninviting. In appearance, size and flavor they are vastly superior to any other variety we have ever tried. After our first meal of them we unanimously voted to cook no more of them but to save every precious bean for seed.

We harvested our seed last week. They are certainly the grandest bean I ever saw, being large and pure white. For winter use they will have no equal. Many of them measure an inch "around the waist." They are giants in comparison with those usually sold at the grocery stores.

Burpee's White Wax is just what we have been looking for,—an ideal general purpose bean.

Enormously Productive.

THOMAS C. ROBERTS, Box 38, Rutledge, Mo., September 11, 1905, writes: Your new White Wax Bean is the best wax bean I have ever grown, not even excepting your new "*Brittle Wax*." The plant is of true bush growth, foliage dark green and nearly rust proof. It is enormously productive, bearing straight, handsome, light yellow pods, five inches in length, containing five beans; pods are nearly three-fourths of an inch wide, and while rather flat they are solidly meaty. Pods are borne well above the soil, are very brittle and entirely stringless even when large enough to use as a shell bean. The pods retain their fresh appearance for a long time after they have been picked.

The large, dry beans are pure white and make an excellent shell bean for winter use. The only way in which "*Davis Wax*" can compare with your new "*White Wax*" is in size and beauty of the pods and in productiveness. *Davis Wax* is too tough and stringy to ever become very popular with those who prefer a stringless wax bean of superb quality.

I picked two gallons of pods from eight hills of Burpee's New White Wax Bean, the first picking, and two subsequent pickings yielded almost as well as the first. The beans were so delicious that I left what remained for seed, fearing that next year I would be unable to obtain seed of this bean, which deserves to and will become the most popular of all the dwarf wax beans.

The Best Ever.

E. A. SMITH, Northville, Michigan, October 29th, 1905, writes:—Burpee's White Wax Bush Bean. The merits of this new candidate for favor with either grower, canner or consumer, can be summed up in the words "The Best Ever." The seed is large and of pearly whiteness. Plants are sturdy, upright in growth and simply loaded with extra large, straight, waxy pods of bright lemon color, entirely stringless. As a snap-bean nothing could be finer in flavor or tenderness. Pods are about six inches long, very broad, thick and meaty. Used green as a shell bean it surpasses any other variety we have ever tried, and in the dry state it is equally good for winter use.

For the canning industry it will crowd out all other varieties as soon as its merits become known and seed stock in quantity can be secured.

Entirely Free from Rust.

E. D. FROST, Market Gardener, Montour Falls, New York, September 4, 1905, writes: I planted one package of 25 beans May 20th 1905. Same time with like soil and conditions all through season planted 25 beans each of *Davis* and *Wardwell's Wax*. "Burpee's" outyielded them both in number of pods produced and I find that "Burpee's" was entirely free from rust while both of the others rusted very badly. Burpee's produced heavily with pods straight, thick and fleshy, of a fine color, entirely stringless even when beans were large enough to use for shell beans. But I must emphasize the nonrusting quality, which in market gardening I find very essential. In my opinion from this trial it will be the only commercial bush wax grown as soon as it becomes known and plenty enough to admit of general planting.



UNCLE GIDEON'S QUICK LUNCH POTATOES.—

The product of one pound,—from a photograph sent (unsolicited) by Miss CLARA J. LIBBY, SCARBORO, MAINE.

POTATO,—UNCLE GIDEON'S QUICK LUNCH.

All reports agree as to the healthy, sturdy growth of this new extra early variety, and in all sections it fully sustained its reputation for early maturity. In the competition for the largest yield, the enormous yields of later varieties which have been recorded in previous competitions for the *Vermont Gold Coin* and other main-crop potatoes, could not, of course, be equaled, as the season of growth for the NEW QUICK LUNCH is so much shorter.

The competitors state, however, that it is not only *the earliest potato* they have ever grown but also the most productive and makes the largest tubers for an extra early variety. Many reports commend the splendid cooking qualities, stating that the tubers are exceptionally dry and floury when cooked, which is contrary to our own experience during the past two wet summers. With us, while the tubers from our trial plantings cook evenly all through and are free from any hard lumps, they remain firm and solid, being especially adapted for frying, slicing for salads, etc. The plants are robust and stocky in habit, with stiff erect stems, thickly set with broad heavy foliage, flatly expanded and able to resist all attacks of blight, continued wet weather and the ravages of the potato-beetle.

The tubers are short and thick or nearly round in shape, lying closely together in the hill and run uniform in size. The skin is white with occasional splashes of pinkish carmine and very small eyes, which are rosy pink or carmine in color; the general appearance being similar to that of the old-time *Peach Blow*, which was the parent variety from which the QUICK LUNCH was produced.

Has a Delicious Flavor.

G. H. WILLIAMS, East Sound, San Juan Co., Washington, September 12, 1905, writes: Description of Uncle Gideon's Quick Lunch Potato:—

Shape nearly round. Color, white, slightly russety, spotted or blotched with pink; also pink about the eyes. Size, very uniform and large for an early potato. Quality, best. Very mealy with a pleasant decided flavor of its own. Earliness, from one to two weeks ahead of most earlies. Productiveness, ahead of all except "Eureka." Vines, dark green and very strong and robust.

Report: With me it is as near perfect in shape, size, color and quality as any potato I have tested in my 25 years' experience with potatoes, and I have tested and tried nearly every potato placed on the market during that time. I can truthfully say I believe it to be the earliest and best early potato grown. I tested it this year with "Eureka," "Bovée," "Noroton Beauty," "Early Michigan," "Dewey" and "Dreer's Early Standard." It was ready to eat before any of them except "Noroton Beauty." It was ten days to two weeks ahead of any of the other except "Eureka," which was only

a week behind it. The shape is ideal—better than even Eureka and they are more uniform in size. The quality is fine, very mealy and has a delicious flavor.

Unexcelled for Baking or Boiling.

ALBERT GLEASON, Castleton, Ill., Sept. 1, 1905, writes: Quick Lunch is the earliest potato that I ever grew, producing marketable tubers nearly two weeks ahead of my Early Ohios and having twice as many tubers in a hill. The tubers are almost round, of good size, light brownish white skin splashed with bright red, giving them a distinct and attractive appearance. In quality they are unexcelled either for baking or boiling, being white and floury and of delicious flavor. The stalks are of erect, sturdy growth and the leaves broad, dark green and healthy, not showing the slightest trace of blight. I have tested 100 varieties of potatoes in the past five years and never tested one that pleased me more than Quick Lunch. It seems to combine earliness, hardiness, productiveness and good cooking and keeping qualities. I believe it to be the most valuable early variety introduced since the Early Ohio,

Prizes Awarded on "Quick Lunch" Potatoes.

For Largest Yield,—from a Single Pound of Tubers
Produced by Planting and Propagating
Sprouts.

First prize, \$50.00—305 lbs. JOHN S. HUNTER,
Savannah, Mo.
Second prize, \$25.00—222 lbs. CHAS. SCOTT, Mel-
ville Cross, Ont.,
Canada.

In competition for the prizes offered in this series there were only two contestants; therefore, we have decided to award the third, fourth and fifth prizes to those whose yields from a single pound of seed grown in the natural method would entitle them to lower prizes in other series.

Third prize, \$15.00—317 lbs. GUST SIEGLING,
Armiton, Montan-

Fourth prize, \$10.00—185 lbs. CHAS. H. WOOD,
China, Maine.

Fifth prize, \$5.00—126 lbs. J. E. MURPHY, Clock-
ville, New York.

For Largest Yield,—from a Single Pound of Seed,
Grown in the Natural Method,—Planted only
from Single Eyes.

First prize, \$25.00—389½ lbs. L. S. CRANDALL,
Lima, New
York.

Second prize, \$15.00—388½ lbs. WM. NAISMITH,
Falkenburg,
Ont., Can.

Third prize, \$10.00—225 lbs. CHAS. SCOTT, Mel-
ville Cross, Ont.,
Canada.

Fourth prize, \$5.00—154 lbs. A. GOODWIN, Port
Angeles, Wash-
ington.

For Three Largest and Finest Specimens.

First prize, \$10.00—B. DUNHAM, Read, Col. 1 lb.
4½ ozs., 1 lb. 3 ozs., 15½ ozs.

Second prize, \$5.00—REV. B. H. DUPUY, Davis,
W. Va. 15½ ozs., 14½ ozs.,
12½ ozs.

Third prize, \$2.50—WM. NAISMITH, Falkenburg,
Ont., Canada, 13½ ozs.,
13½ ozs., 12½ ozs.

Fourth prize, \$2.50—WM. N. CASE, Box 36, West
Simsbury, Conn. 15 ozs.,
12½ ozs., 11½ ozs.

Fifth prize, \$2.50—J. E. MURPHY, Clockville,
New York. 12½ ozs., 12
ozs., 12 ozs.

Sixth prize, \$2.50—JOHN TIEDEMAN, 414 S. Main
St., Gloversville, N. Y.
11½ ozs., 10½ ozs., 10½ ozs.

Seventh prize, \$2.50—GUST SIEGLING, Armiton,
Montana. 11½ ozs., 10½ ozs., 9½ ozs.

Eighth prize, \$2.50—MRS. CHAS. CHANDLER, R. F.
D. No. 5, Brandon, Vt. 9½ ozs., 8 ozs., 6½ ozs.

For Best Descriptions.

First prize, \$15.00—WM. NAISMITH, Falkenburg,
Ont., Canada.

Second prize, \$10.00—G. H. WILLIAMS, East Sound,
Wash.

Third prize, \$5.00—ALBERT GLEASON, Castleton,
Ill.

Fourth prize, \$5.00—REV. G. H. A. MURRAY, Hat-
ley, Quebec, Canada.

Ten Prizes of \$2.50 Each to:

W.M. McMORRAN, Randolph, Wis.

JOHN TIEDEMAN, 414 S. Main St., Gloversville, N. Y.

J. S. SHIRES, Sadler, Texas.

MRS. LORENZO STILWILL, R. F. D. 1, La Grande,
Oregon.

MELVILLE MORTON, "Elmhurst," Gorham, Maine.

E. A. SMITH, Northville, Mich.

JOHN S. LINSLEY, M. D., Box 32, Baldwin Place,
N. Y.

ALBERT J. GRAY, Ballston, N. Y.

REV. B. H. DUPUY, Davis, W. Va.

CHAS. D. HINDS, 405 Erie St., Syracuse, N. Y.

\$2.00 special prize for photograph to MISS CLARA

J. LIBBY, Scarborough, Maine.

First Prize Report.

Report on Uncle Gideon's Quick Lunch Potato.

WM. NAISMITH, Falkenburg, Ont., Canada, August
28, 1905, writes:—Seed tubers received in sound
condition; planted April 29, in fresh broken clover
sod, highly manured, and properly prepared. Soil
a warm, rich, sandy loam; plants came up evenly
and quickly, all showing in ten days, the strong
constitution being visible as soon as plants were
above ground, the plant stalk being extra thick
and of a peculiar red color, quite distinct from any
other variety; the plant, medium in height, stands
erect (admitting close planting), extra strong and
stocky, leaves extra long, large and of a dark color
when young, also crimped, like savoy among cab-
bage, leaves changing when plant is full grown,
taking on a sort of metallic lustre, giving it a hardy
ironclad appearance.

The crop ripened evenly, plants dying down July
20th. The tubers lie compactly under plant, varying
from twelve to twenty-two tubers from a single
eye set. Tubers run in weight from four to fourteen
ounces each, perfect in shape, no deformed or un-
shapely tubers; no second growth, free from blight
or disease of any sort. The tubers are distinct in
color with flesh colored ground, eyes and seed-end
a beautiful pink. When prepared for the table it
is dry and has a peculiar sparkling mealy appear-
ance and the flavor is perfect.

To sum it up, the Quick Lunch is the largest
yielding, extra early, best shaped and finest table
potato placed upon the market. I tested it this
year side by side with Noroton Beauty, Pride of
the South, Triumph, Early Ohio, etc., but none of
them can approach Quick Lunch. Its strong points
are every plant grew, no sickly or weak plants dying
in the growing season, as was the case with the
other varieties under test; it yielded a heavier crop
plant for plant, tubers being greater in number,
larger and more even in size; its beautiful color and
perfect shape attract the eye of the potato fancier
and its sterling table qualities command it to the
consumer.

I included the Quick Lunch in a collection at the
Canadian National Exhibition in the city of Tor-
onto and Western Fair, London, Ont., where I have
received the highest awards. Quick Lunch was ad-
mired by many European, American and Canadian
visitors.

On November 20, 1905, Mr. Naismith wrote:—
I have stored for seed purposes the new Quick
Lunch Potatoes, which ripened and were dug in
August. This was very early to dig potatoes and
especially this season, which has been an excep-
tional bad season for blight. In some localities the
loss has been from two-thirds to entire crop. I have
handled Quick Lunch carefully and have not found an
unsound tuber. I attribute this fact to its extra
early ripening and robust constitution. This will
be a strong point in its favor for 1906.

Best All-Round Potato.

REV. G. H. A. MURRAY, The Rectory, Hatley,
Quebec, Canada, September 15, 1905, writes: Quick
Lunch is at least a week earlier than Eureka, which,
from its introduction to the present, has been ac-
knowledged to be the earliest, while such standard
early varieties as Burpee's Extra Early, Early Thor-
oughbred, Bliss' Red Triumph, Early Ohio, Early
Boeve, Vick's Perfection, &c., &c., are "not in u"
with Uncle Gideon's Quick Lunch.

I was surprised when transplanting sprouts of
about three weeks' growth to find a potato about
an inch in diameter, while in six weeks from plant-
ing I found fair sized tubers.

But while I cannot vouch for a phenomenally large yield, it gives me pleasure to
note that the tubers are large enough for market
and table purposes; of uniform size—there are no
small ones; very attractive appearance (pinkish
russet with shallow eyes of a dark pink); just
the kind to bake, boil, roast or fry, peeled or unpeeled;
flesh white and mealy; flavor delicious; larger ones
not hollow like large Eurekas; rust proof, hence rot
proof. Quick Lunch is bound to be in great
demand by gardeners and truckers, as a trial will con-
vince the most skeptical that it is the earliest, prettiest,
driest, and best all-round potato in America,
if not in the world; and I am sure that all who
receive a sample for trial will be grateful to you for
putting such a novelty within their reach.

RADISH, NEW "RAPID-FORCING" ROUND RED,—NOW CALLED "BURPEE'S RAPID-RED."

In the reports sent in competition for the prizes offered, some of the planters state that they grew radishes large enough for the table in the incredibly short time of ten to twelve days; but the average was from seventeen to twenty days from the time the seed was sown until the radishes were fit for the table or market. Planted side by side at the same time for comparison, it proved to be as early or slightly earlier than *Burpee's Hailstone* and about five days earlier than *Burpee's Scarlet Button*. The radishes are perfectly round in shape, three-quarters of an inch in diameter, with thin bright red skin, crisp firm white flesh and mildly pungent flavor. Leaves short and round, small in size and only three or four in number when the radishes are ready for use.

All of the reports refer to the long period during which this new radish retains its crispness and firmness of flesh, longer even than in the larger sorts which develop more slowly. Quite a number of the reports speak most highly of its very attractive appearance and ready sale when bunched for market.

Award of Prizes on "Rapid-Forcing" Round Red Radish, now known as Burpee's "Rapid-Red" Radish.

For Name.

The name upon which we decided, BURPEE'S "RAPID-RED," was suggested by five of the competitors, therefore we send the sum of \$5.00 each to the following:

W. W. MARTIN, Brookfield, Mo.

Mrs. W. L. MOORE, Little Sauk, Minn.

MISS EMMA C. MERRITT, Somers Center, N. Y.

MRS. LORENZO STILWILL, R. F. D. 1, LaGrande, Oregon.

THOS. J. STEED, Buena Vista, Ga.

For Report.

First prize, \$20.00—MISS ADDIE M. BROYLES, Yale, N. C.

Second prize, \$10.00—MRS. J. H. CONGER, R. F. D. 1, La Junta, Col.

Third prize, \$5.00—H. F. STRATTON, Lebanon, Tenn.

Fourth prize, \$2.00—MRS. ADA ROUSH, Strasburg, Mo.

Fifteen Prizes of \$1.00 each to:

EDWARD A. SAMUELS, Editor of "Nature Gossip," Lockport, N. S., Canada.

CHESTER WIEDERICH, Nanticoke, Ont., Canada.

MISS EMMA C. MERRITT, Somers Center, N. Y.

GUY D. PECK, R. F. D. 3, Plainfield, N. J.

WM. McMORRAN, Box 49, Randolph, Wis.

DR. GEO. L. RICHARDS, 84 N. Main St., Fall River, Mass.

J. E. MURPHY, Clockville, N. Y.

WM. FIGGE, Calumet, Okla.

JOHN T. TEAT, R. F. D. 4, Cardington, Ohio.

H. D. GORDON, R. F. D. 1, Spiceland, Ind.

W. T. BEERS, R. F. D. 1, Oil City, Pa.

MRS. B. J. WILLIAMS, Box 47, Groesbeck, Texas.

REV. G. H. A. MURRAY, Hatley, Quebec, Canada.

HARVEY JEWELL, R. F. D. 1, Cromwell, Conn.

JOS. GIBSON, Gardener to JAMES STILLMAN, Esq., "Oaklawn," Newport, R. I.

The Best Forcing Radish.

MRS. J. H. CONGER, R. F. D. Route 1, La Junta, Colo., Aug. 28th, 1905, writes: In testing your New "Rapid Forcing" Round Red for 1906, side by side with the Crimson Giant Globe and *Burpee's Hailstone*, I find it superior in all respects to either. This is not only my verdict, but that of other good radish judges. This is the earliest red radish that I have ever raised. From seed planted Friday morning radishes were up next evening. While only nine days after, while just looking to see how they looked, to my surprise I found a radish two inches in circumference. This proved to be the average of the bed. These radishes are of a globular form, of a bright red color, thin skin, flesh crisp and of the best flavor, being neither too pungent nor too mild. Besides being of a superior flavor to the Crimson Globe and Hailstone, this new radish was ready for use before the former were scarcely formed. Another point in its favor is that it does not become soft and pithy as other early varieties do from long standing. Having a small top and being earlier than either Crimson Globe or Hailstone, it is doubtlessly the best forcing radish. Altogether the color, shape, size and quality of this new radish leave but little to be desired in a radish.

First Prize Report.

MISS ADDIE M. BROYLES, Yale, N. C., September 19th, 1905, writes: Planted in a rich, loose garden soil, this radish was ready for the table in eighteen days from the time of sowing, but the circumstances attending its growth in the beginning were rather unfavorable, as our section was visited by a cool wave when the plants had been up only a few days. This cool temperature lasted for a week, and, of course, did to some extent hinder the quick growth of the plants, but, however, they withstood this disadvantage comparatively well and grew right rapidly after all. The radish is rough in shape, the skin is bright red and the flesh is pure white, very crisp with mild delicious flavor. It remains solid and crisp for a remarkable length of time, being in fine condition when the roots have grown to a large size. There is only a medium quantity of top. This radish is a combination of good qualities, and deserves to be the leader of all extra early red radishes.

Unexcelled in Quality.

H. F. STRATTON, Lebanon, Tenn., Aug. 23d, 1905, writes: *Burpee's Rapid Forcing Round Red Radish* sent out for advance trial in 1905, and which will be introduced to the public in 1906, has no superiors, and but few, if any, rivals. The claim by the originators that it is the quickest growing red radish in existence, is undoubtedly true. We have grown the best sorts recommended by the leading seedsmen of America and we have found none that will grow more quickly, either red or white. But this is not all. In shape, color and general appearance, it surpasses all other quick growing sorts. In quality it is unexcelled. Its flavor is superb, flesh firm, juicy and brittle, and, while sweet, it still retains that delicious flavor so essential to a first-class radish and without which no epicure would call them good. We all have many things that answer our purpose very well, but would welcome something better to take their places; and then we have other things, like "*Burpee's Stringless Green Pod Beans*," with which we are perfectly satisfied and contented, and unto all others competing for equal favor, we say, "There may be others just as good, but this is good enough for me." We are satisfied that this will be the verdict of all who try this remarkable radish, whether it be the trucker for an early or quick market, or the home gardener for family use. Once in the garden, there it will remain a permanent fixture with *Burpee's Stringless Green Pod Beans* and other of your introductions of established worth and merit.

An Ideal Forcing Radish.

MRS. ADA ROUSH, Strasburg, Mo., Aug. 13th, 1905, writes: The New "Rapid Forcing Red Radish" you sent me this spring has proved to be the best and quickest growing radish we ever had. Seed planted in the cold frame March 13th were ready for the table April 7th, being three-quarters of an inch in diameter. Seed sown in the open ground the same time as *Burpee's Earliest Scarlet Button* were four days in advance, were brighter and more showy. In appearance and size they resemble the Hailstone, differing only in color, they being a bright red, round shape, of uniform size, about $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches in diameter, with short, smooth taproot. The flesh is white, crisp and tender. Does not get hot or pithy in dry weather. The small quantity of leaves makes them an Ideal Forcing Radish under glass. Seed planted late in the spring in a shaded, cool corner of the garden, made nice radishes for the table the last of May.

NASTURTIUM,—BURPEE'S BRILLIANT BLEND OF NEW TOM THUMB,— Now called Burpee's "BRILLIANT BEAUTIES."

Hundreds of brief descriptions of this splendid novelty were received. From many of the competitors, we received most enthusiastic letters in addition to the reports submitted for the prizes offered, in which the writers gave a more detailed account of their great satisfaction and delight in the wonderful results obtained from this "BRILLIANT BLEND." The large flowers were produced

in great profusion and were wonderfully varied in coloring, ranging from the palest primrose through all shades of yellow and orange, rose pink and delicate salmon tints, to the brightest scarlet and deep velvety crimson and maroon. In the lighter colorings some flowers had a crinkled crepe-like texture and others the soft sheen of delicate silks, while in the dark rich shades the petals had the appearance of rich heavy velvet with a depth of coloring impossible to describe or repre-



BURPEE'S "BRILLIANT BEAUTIES" NASTURTIUM.—From photograph of a single plant, grown by MISS GRACE L. WEEKS, Bayside, L. I., N. Y.

duce. All reports combine in speaking of the wonderful variety of colorings and varied markings shown in the flowers from this Blend. In groups or borders of fifty or more separate plants it was frequently impossible to find two plants producing flowers alike.

Award of Prizes on Brilliant Beauties.

For Name.

The name adopted having been suggested by five contestants we divided the prize, awarding \$10.00 each to the following:

H. E. KNIES, White Haven, Pa.

MISS BESSIE L. BLISS, Bliss, N. Y.

WM. J. S. BRADWAY, Hancock's Bridge, N. J.

I. N. WILCOX, 67 Court St., Binghamton, N. Y.

MRS. ROBERT HOLMES, R. F. D. 1, Woonsocket, R. I.

For Best Photographs of a Single Plant in Bloom.

First prize, \$15.00—GRACE L. WEEKS, Bayside, N. Y.

Second prize, \$10.00—CHAS. H. PARK, Manderson, South Dakota.

Third prize, \$5.00—MISS MARY P. MACBRIDE, Princeton, Iowa.

Fourth prize, \$3.00—EFFIE M. HOWLETT, Box 67, R. F. D. 1, Oshkosh, Wis.

For Best Brief Description.

First prize, \$25.00—MRS. EVA PARHAM, Burr Oak, Mich.

Second prize, \$15.00—MRS. JESSIE C. SHAW, Funkley, Minn.

Third prize, \$10.00—P. B. BARNARD, 28 Sumach St., Toronto, Canada.

Fourth prize, \$5.00—MRS. J. SIDNEY SHAW, Prescott, Ont., Canada.

Fifth prize, \$2.50—CHAS. WM. CROSBY, F. R. H. S., Broome Hurst, Dorking, Surrey, England.

Sixth prize, \$2.50—JOHN T. TEAT, R. F. D. 4, Cardington, Ohio.

Seventh prize, \$2.00—MRS. S. E. ABBOTT, 307 Walnut Street, East Aurora, N. Y.

Eighth prize, \$2.00—MINNIE E. MAIN, Hull Farm, Stonington, Conn.
Ninth prize, \$2.00—MISS ADDIE M. BROYLES, Yale, N. C.
Tenth prize, \$2.00—MISS A. M. ADAMS, St. Clair, Mich.
Eleventh prize, \$2.00—MISS GRACE L. WEEKS, Bayside, N. Y.

Thirty Prizes of \$1.00 each to:

C. S. VALENTINE, Ridgewood, N. J.
MISS FRANCES LUDLOW, 1613 Melrose St., Chicago, Ill.

MRS. W. L. MOORE, Little Sauk, Minn.
MISS ELLA M. BURGESS, 618 N. West St., Lebanon, Ind.

MRS. F. A. DIETZ, 24 Summit Ave., Plainfield, N. J.
F. G. SCHAILER, Freeport, Ill.

WM. J. S. BRADWAY, Hancock's Bridge, N. J.
FRANK STUHLMAN, Vernon, N. Y.

A. R. MCKAIN, Marietta, Pa.
Mrs. B. F. IBACH, Daytona, Fla.

ADELLA F. VEAZIE, 235 Rankin St., Rockland, Maine.

MRS. E. A. BORDEN, Fairport, N. Y.
MRS. E. D. LANDON, Bryant, S. D.

MRS. H. H. DAVENPORT, Vermillion, S. D.
MRS. A. F. GALBREATH, Darlington, Md.

MISS MARTHA B. WHITE, Aquetong, Pa.
MRS. M. R. D. MARTIN, Auburn, Ala.

MISS LYDIA T. CHANDLER, Marshfield, Mass.
H. F. STRATTON, Lebanon, Tenn.

J. E. MURPHY, Clockville, N. Y.
R. M. COLE, 859 The Rookery, Chicago, Ill.

T. G. WHEELER, 919 15th St., Des Moines, Iowa.
MISS SYLVIA M. FARNUK, Crestview, Tenn.

MRS. O. A. BARRY, Box 5, Sherman, Texas.
MRS. L. E. LABONTE, Mountain View, Mo.

CHAS. G. ADDISON, Springfield, Md.
MISS JOSEPHINE HEWITT, Brandon, Vt.

C. H. BREWER, Riverside Farm, Rahway, N. J.
MRS. H. E. WILLIAMS, Knowlton, Quebec, Canada.

C. M. SLADE, Nepperhan Heights, Yonkers, N. Y.

Sample Reports on Burpee's "Brilliant Beauties."

First Prize Description.

MRS. EVA PARHAM, Burr Oak, Michigan, Oct. 5, 1905, writes: The Burpee's Brilliant Blend Nasturtium seed, which I received from you last spring, has surpassed my expectation in beauty, of both plant and flower. In form it presents a symmetrical, compact, bushy plant, from fifteen to twenty inches in diameter, and from twelve to fifteen inches high. The flowers are of fine form and texture and are produced in great abundance.

Among the pure colors are creamy white, lemon, orange, salmon, pink and rose—while the pure reds range from light red to almost black red; while in others many of these colors are so exquisitely blended that the beholder marvels at their wondrous beauty.

In texture they have the appearance of silk, crepe and rich velvet. During August my tall and dwarf Nasturtiums produced but few flowers, while the Brilliant Blend, although having the same care, were a dazzling mass of beautiful flowers. Each spring I aim to get the new and choice varieties—as it is no more trouble to raise the best and choicest than to raise the cheap, inferior kinds. I now have over twenty choice varieties—but for the novel and marvelous blending of colors Burpee's Brilliant Blend surpasses them all. It would be impossible to paint a picture showing the beautiful colors that are seen in this prince of Nasturtiums. Neither pen or photograph can do it justice.

Every Plant Loaded with Blooms.

MRS. JESSIE C. SHAW, Funkley, Minn., Sept. 29, 1905, writes: If you had not asked for a short description of these plants I could fill pages, if I only could find words at my disposal to describe them. I had four beds with fifty-three plants divided among them. Since they began to bloom early in July we have had a most gorgeous array of beautiful blossoms. Many of them looked like Martha Washington geraniums; some resembled the colorings in Chinese silks, and others had the deep orange browns seen in Wallflowers. After a shower of rain all were very fragrant, reminding me of the English Primroses. Every plant has been almost loaded down with a succession of large, long stemmed flowers. I have grown Nasturtiums for over fifty years and have never had any to equal these Nameless Mixtures. It is now almost the first of October; they are still blooming grandly and bid fair to keep on in their good work for another month. I have gathered between two and three hundred large, healthy seeds and there are many still ripening on the plants. In conclusion I can only say that they have been a constant delight not only to our own family but to neighbours and friends. They have been a constant source of comfort and joy to me from when I planted the seed, April 26th, till now when I gather it, September 29th. We have used your seeds for over twenty years and always find them even better than represented.

As Much Bloom as Foliage.

P. B. BARNARD, 28 Sumach St., Toronto, Ont., Canada, Sept. 21, 1905, writes: Report on "Burpee's Brilliant Blend Tom Thumb Nameless Nasturtium." 1905: Having grown the ordinary dwarf nasturtiums without getting a satisfactory amount of bloom from them, I planted seeds of the above mentioned with some misgivings. In order to keep their growth of foliage within bounds and at the same time force them to become more floriferous, I put the seeds in four-inch pots filled with garden soil and sunk in the ground at from twelve to fifteen inches apart. In due time the Nasturtiums came into bloom with a variety and richness of coloring I could not describe, but to give just a slight idea of them I would say "Just fancy a row forty feet long all aglow with bright color; shades of light and deep yellow; light and dark crimson; new light delicate tints, splashed with crimson, carmine and chocolate; many variegated; all forming a mass of lively and brilliant color, unsurpassed by any other border plant." By this method of growing them there was quite as much bloom as foliage, and in the case of the light sulphur yellows with crimson and chocolate throats, more bloom. In many cases the flowers stood up above the foliage very prominently. Habit of the plants was to form a well rounded mass about fifteen inches high. The contrast of foliage and flower was very attractive and showy, and the variety of colors, shades and markings made the whole border a most interesting and pleasing source of study at all times.

Bed a Floral Picture.

MRS. J. SIDNEY SHAW, Prescott, Ont., Canada, Oct. 6, 1905, writes: . . . The foliage is distinct and varying. The enormous flowers are borne in profusion, are perfect in form, durable in substance, exquisite in texture and redolent with perfume. The colors, shadings and markings are limitless, some deep, rich velvety colors; others daintily tinted and shaded from creamy white to crimson, pale yellow to golden brown; some self colored, others beautifully mottled and variegated; some creamy white flowers with pale pink dot on the edge of each petal and others veined with pink were as beautiful as lilies and as fragrant as English violets. This, to me, was their crowning merit. They elicited praise from all visitors.

The Nasturtium bed was a floral picture. The delicate tints and deep tones mingling in exquisite contrast, presented such a wealth of beauty that it arrested the attention of the most careless observer.

Most Floriferous.

CHAS. WM. CROSBY, F. R. H. S., Broome Hurst, Dorking, Surrey, England, August 30, 1905, writes: The seed was planted early in April in pans under glass until the plants showed themselves, when they were lifted into the open, kept well watered until about three or four inches in height.

In May they were all put out, some in tubs on my lawn, and others in beds, which have been a wonderful sight ever since, and now, the end of August, are flowering freely although producing seed.

The plants range over two feet across; height being from twelve to fourteen inches; most floriferous, throwing hundreds of blooms at the same time; flowers standing erect upon a stem of twelve inches, the average size of the same being quite three inches in diameter.

Now! the coloration. A most difficult and complex problem to define, the colors being so various and so distinct as to render a title almost impossible: from deep orange to pale; some with double centres; others pale yellow to deep scarlet; light red; orange; purple, deep and paler; bizarres; and many of the palest tones nearly approaching white, vie with each other as separate colors on separate bushes, fixed and perfect.

For decorative purposes these gorgeous flowers are delightful. I can only say in finishing that I thank Messrs. Burpee for the pleasure they have given me both in the open and in the house by their production of such gems.

Must be Seen to be Appreciated

MRS. S. E. ABBOTT, 307 Walnut St., East Aurora, New York, Oct. 9, 1905, writes: Planted seeds of Burpee's Brilliant Blend New Nameless Nasturtium for 1905 May 25th. They came up June 6th. The dwarf, bushlike plants were strong and vigorous, upright in habit,—the unusually beautiful giant sized flowers thickly scattered among the dark green leaves. It must be seen to be fully appreciated.

I have a hedge of these flowers. Now you see a dark, velvety red, almost black, it is so dark; next a plain scarlet; then a bright yellow striped with chocolate; another with scarlet; now a large, tomato colored one with black stripes on two leaves; next a sulphur yellow, not a stripe or spot, just yellow; then a creamy white with maroon spots; next a brilliant orange with a bronze veiling all over it and so on. Words are tame in attempting to describe this wonderful new Nasturtium. I might use every adjective in the English language and then fail to describe the profuse flowering qualities, the variety and brilliancy of color, the novel blendings and the dazzling beauty of this nasturtium.

Bloom Freely and Continuously.

MISS ADDIE M. BROYLES, Yale, N. C., Oct. 9, 1905, writes: The beauty of these new nasturtiums is almost beyond description. In them are found colors and combinations of colors never before seen in Nasturtiums. The flowers are large and well formed. Some of them are solid colored while others are marked, feathered, spotted and blotched in the most fanciful manner. The plants are of the true dwarf bush type and soon develop into a beautiful rounded form from which just dozens of brilliant colored flowers are borne cleverly above the beautiful foliage. Flowers appear on these bushes when they are quite young and they bloom continuously and freely until killed by frost. They are so free flowering that the most of the time the bushes are almost entirely covered with flowers.

PANSY,—BURPEE'S NEW BLEND OF ALL THE BEST GIANT-FLOWERED.

This superb mixture was composed of the very finest strains produced by the leading Pansy Specialists of Europe, and included a number of Giant-flowered varieties of the most recent development. Our success in selecting the finest strains for this Blend is fully attested by the reports of our flower-loving friends, who write that our color illustration of specimen flowers, shown on the back cover of THE FARM ANNUAL for 1905, failed to do them justice either in size or in richness of coloring. In writing the reports our lady friends give a more fitting description of the texture and coloring of the flowers than we could possibly evolve.

Award of Prizes on Burpee's New Blend of Giant-Flowered Pansies for 1905.

For Report.

- First prize, \$25.00—MRS. H. E. WILLIAMS, Knowlton, Quebec, Canada.
Second prize, \$15.00—REV. G. H. A. MURRAY, Hatley, Quebec, Canada.
Third prize, \$10.00—MRS. A. L. SPOHN, 78 Pomeroy St., Cortland, N. Y.
Fourth prize, \$5.00—EDITH S. TYLER, Saco, Maine.
Fifth prize, \$5.00—MRS. HARRIS LELAND SANGER, Box 133, S. Woodstock, Conn.
Sixth prize, \$2.50—MRS. D. J. WARD, Elkhorn, Wis.
Seventh prize, \$2.50—MRS. A. W. LITTLE, R. F. D. 84, Freewsburg, N. Y.

Twenty Prizes of \$1.00 each to:

- MRS. O. M. FORBES, Stewartstown, N. H.
R. A. WILTERMOOD, Newport, Ind.
MRS. B. F. VAN EPS, Kent, N. Y.
MABEL BOWERS, R. F. D. 25, Bellville, Ohio.
E. A. SMITH, Northville, Mich.
MISS A. M. ADAMS, St. Clair, Mich.
CLARENCE B. SIMRELL, Queens, N. Y.
CHAS. JAS. FOX, 34 Elmwood Ave., S. London, Ont., Canada.
JOHN A. BLACK, Massie, Ont., Canada.
JOHN FRANCIS, 740 Beech St., Manchester, N. H.
MISS FRANCES KUHN, Box 293, Ebensburg, Pa.
MISS HENRY M. WHITE, Northville, Mich.
MISS IDA A. MELLON, Box 176, McLean, N. Y.
H. E. KNIES, White Haven, Pa.
MRS. G. N. BRANDON, 44 Grand View Ave., Catskill, N. Y.
MRS. L. S. BETTS, Freehold, N. Y.
E. V. HINMAN, Vernon, N. Y.
MRS. J. F. AMES, R. F. D. 1, Bradford, Maine.
H. CROWE, Bondgate House, Otley, England.
LEWIS J. BRUNDAGE, Starkey, N. Y.

First Prize Report.

MRS. H. E. WILLIAMS, Knowlton, Que., Canada, Oct. 2, 1905, writes:

Burpee's Novelty Blend of Giant Flowered Pansies for 1905 marks a triumph in scientific hybridization and selection. The plants are of unusually staunch and stalky growth and pleasingly uniform in appearance. The petals of the mammoth blossoms are as thick and heavy as "panne" velvet, blotched and mottled to form a hundred subtle and charming color effects. In some cases the flowers appear to be shirred on the stem—so frilled and ruffled are the edges! The warm coloring of the flowers is thrown into relief by delicate veinings, as dainty as the penciling on a butterfly's wing. These pansies bloom profusely all summer long. During the past summer from a bed containing about ten plants it was no unusual occurrence to pick a sizable bunch of blossoms and not a flower be missed.

Flowers are Veritable Giants.

REV. G. H. A. MURRAY, Hatley, Quebec, Canada, Oct. 23, 1905, writes: The Burpee Blend of Pansies has exceeded my most sanguine expectations. In all my experience with Pansies I have never had their equal. Plants are sturdy, compact, and bushy, and produce great quantities of flowers on long, strong stems. The velvety flowers, all of which are veritable giants of the three inch class, are of great substance, perfect form, and for the most part so elaborately fluted, frilled or fringed as to make them almost double. All shades and combinations of colors from white to black are represented. Some are rich self colors with white or golden eye, others are daintily laced with white, and spotted, veined, splashed, pencilled, or shaded with the most exquisite hues, blended together with perfect harmony. The plants are so vigorous that they will stand heat and drought better than any other variety, producing their elegant blooms in great profusion all summer.

Never Saw Such Pansies.

MRS. A. L. SPOHN, 78 Pomeroy St., Cortland, New York, October 30, 1905, writes: Pansies grown from seed sown March 29th in box in house came up good, but on account of sickness did not put in bed till June 5th, then came a hard rain that nearly washed them out. Soon commenced to blossom and were lovely all summer. Have been Pansy enthusiast over twenty years but never saw such Pansies: some very delicate as well as the richest colors and shadings: Black velvet with red border; purple with yellow ruffle on upper petals (that was such a beauty); pink and white blend with lovely purple centre; purple blotch on lower petal; then red with white edge. The same in brown, yellow and red, all ruffled and fluted till they looked double—cannot be described on paper. But best of all were the long stems, eight and nine inches with blossoms three inches across and such good substance, making the best for cutting I ever saw. Sent to church suppers and every one delighted with bouquets.

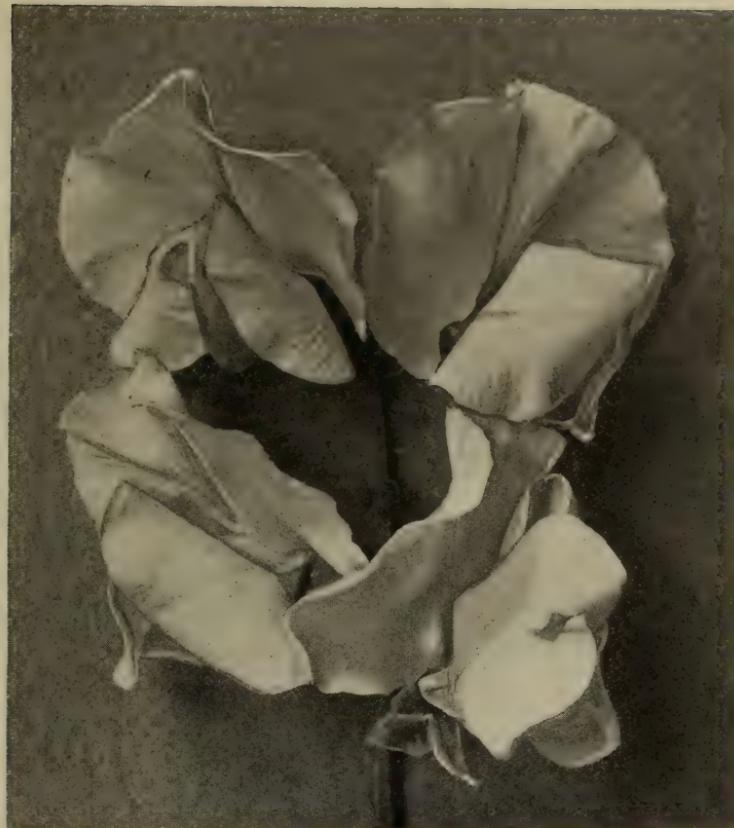
Of Exquisite Beauty and Large Size.

EDITH S. TYLER, Saco, Maine, Sept. 28, 1905, writes: I planted a packet of your "New Blend of Giant Flowered Pansies" for 1905 and raised the largest and most beautiful pansies I ever saw. Many of the blooms measured 2½ inches across. Such exquisite blending and shading of colors in a single flower I never saw before—lemon, orange, lavender, brown and purple being combined in some of the blooms. Often all five of the petals are daintily bordered with a contrasting color. The plants are of strong vigorous growth, producing multitudes of flowers of uniformly large size, and of heavy velvety texture, borne on long stems, making them very desirable for cutting. I have raised Pansies for years but never had any to equal the exquisite beauty and large size of Burpee's New Blend of Giant Flowered. If I used all the descriptive words in our own and foreign languages the half would not be told concerning Burpee's wonderful pansies. I have the flowers before me as I write, and the more I study them the more inadequate do words seem to do justice to their varied beauty. What more can you do for pansies.

They were Most Beautiful.

MRS. HARRIS LELAND SANGER, No. 133, South Woodstock, Conn., Oct. 28, 1905, writes: From the half-size packet of Burpee Blend Pansy I have a bed about six feet square, planted where a woodpile has been for several years, no fertilizer used. Seed germinated well and I set the plants ten inches apart. Being very fond of pansies I consequently watched their growth daily, noticing they meant business from the beginning. Every plant grew exceedingly well and I never before had plants which had such dark, tough foliage.

I always have a Pansy bed annually and have experimented with many types; but "Burpee's Blend" (not exaggerating any) proved themselves way ahead. Every plant showed royal blood in its veins—not one little common kind. While I enjoyed all your novelties this year, the Pansies gave me most surprise and pleasure. Wish I could describe the blossoms, but can simply say that I had many shades of purple, wine-reds, light and deep yellows, apple blossom pink blotched with purple, old gold with dark blotches, and many that I cannot describe. All were very handsomely blotched and veinings which extended to the edges were a characteristic of many. Nearly all were very full-petaled. The richness of colors with the fluted edges resembled shirred velvet. No blossoms were less than two inches in diameter and many were over three. One particular clear purple one had blossoms which must have been nearer four inches. Your description in catalogue does not laud them enough and your cover painting hardly does them due justice. I had some even more beautiful. Won first premium at fair over several competitors. They were beautiful—more beautiful—most beautiful. Superlative degree of excellence.



SWEET PEAS,—THE NEW GIANT ORCHID-FLOWERED SEEDLINGS OF COUNTESS SPENCER.

The results reported from this new type of Sweet Pea were equally gratifying as those from the Pansy and Nasturtium. The best reports, of course, came from the cooler locations, and our Canadian friends, as well as those in the northern states, described flowers of larger size, borne with even greater length of stem than that we can grow at Fordhook Farms.

Not only is this new race of Sweet Peas distinct in size and style of flowers, but the vines are of *exceptionally hardy vigorous growth*. The vines the past season, according to these reports, making a fine growth and bloom where the older types were badly affected by blight; they continued to produce grand flowers in profusion long after the vines of the older types had died down during the hot summer season. The flowers of this GIANT ORCHID-FLOWERED RACE are almost as far advanced over those of the Grandiflora type as the latter is ahead of the old-fashioned *Painted Lady* type of the original Sweet Pea. The stems are extra long and stiffly erect, having uniformly three large flowers facing one way, and the reports state that during cool weather single stems produced four to six flowers with occasional double flowers at the base. The standards were from one and a half to two inches across, measured *without flattening the folds*.

In these seedlings there are four distinct colors: Pink, Orange, Salmon, and Rose, but these are again divided into many exquisite tints and shadings. Some flowers are of a delicate silvery-white daintily flushed with light pink; others are of deep rose tinted like the inside of a delicate sea-shell, still others of salmon and lovely coral pink tints, but nearly all have the beautiful wavy effect which adds greatly to the softness and delicacy of the exquisite shades of colors.

The flowers with their large size, beautiful coloring and long stems are of good substance, are exceptionally lasting and fragrant when gathered for bouquets. Many reports state that while the planters have always considered Burpee's Sweet Peas the "Best that Grow," these new GIANT ORCHID-FLOWERED SEEDLINGS OF COUNTESS SPENCER are *far finer than anything heretofore seen in sweet peas.*

 See Colored Plate, page 116 of BURPEE'S FARM ANNUAL FOR 1906. This plate was painted from nature and shows accurately three varieties of this beautiful new race. Two other varieties (*Gladys Unwin* and *Florence Spencer*) are described on page 120, while the SUPERB SEEDLINGS OF COUNTESS SPENCER in mixture are described on page 128 of BURPEE'S FARM ANNUAL for 1906.

W. ATLEE BURPEE & CO.

Award of Prizes on New Race of Gigantic Orchid-Flowered Tall Sweet Peas.—Superb Seedlings of Countess Spencer

For Photographs.

- First prize, \$15.00—JAMES W. NAIRN, Box 420, Truro, Nova Scotia.
Second prize, \$10.00—REV. L. C. HOOVER, Homewood, Ohio.
Third prize, \$5.00—F. A. DYKEMAN, St. John, N. B., Canada.
Fourth prize, \$5.00—JAMES A. BLAND, Victoria, B. C., Canada.
Fifth prize, \$2.00—MISS LORETTA GODFREY, Franklinville, N. Y.
Sixth prize, \$2.00—MISS ADELINA L. ROBINSON, 317 S. Lincoln Ave., Aurora, Ill.

Twelve Prizes of \$1.00 each to:

- V. D. HAWKINS, Joliet, Ill.
MRS. WM. A. ROUSE, Galena, Ill.
MRS. S. J. APPLEMAN, Amboy, Ill.
MRS. H. COFFEY, Canon City, Col.
VICTOR BURK, Fergus, Ont., Canada.
MRS. GEO. H. BEDFORD, Nazareth, Pa.
MRS. W. A. HOPSON, Sub. Sta. 23, Detroit, Mich.
HOWARD S. SHIREY, Box 16, Richland Center, Pa.
CHAS. G. ADDISON, Springfield, Md.
MRS. J. E. COLEGROVE, Canisfeo, N. Y.
MRS. T. E. WILLIAMS, Thessalon, Ont., Canada.
THEODORE LANG, 3319 Holmead Ave., Washington, D. C.

For Reports.

- First prize, \$25.00—MRS. M. L. HINDS, Kenwood, N. Y.
Second prize, \$10.00—MRS. E. N. MALTBY, Manor, Sask., Canada.
Third prize, \$5.00—REV. G. H. A. MURRAY, Hatley, Quebec, Canada.
Fourth prize, \$5.00—HERMAN GINGERLY, Weston, Ohio.
Fifth prize, \$2.00—JAMES A. BLAND, 115 Toronto St., Victoria, B. C., Canada.
Sixth prize, \$2.00—FRANK STUHLMAN, Vernon, N. Y.
Seventh prize, \$2.00—MISS EMILY W. HEYD, State Road, Del.

Twenty Prizes of \$1.00 each to:

- MRS. SHIRLEY BALL, Dorset, Ont., Canada.
ADELLA F. VEAZIE, 235 Rankin St., Rockland, Maine.
W. A. CANN, 49 Holliday St., Oil City, Pa.
JOHN T. TEAT, R. F. D. 4, Cardington, Ohio.
MRS. B. TOOTHILL, 85 Mulberry St., Lockport, N. Y.
MRS. W. L. MOORE, Little Sauk, Minn.
J. T. FITCHETT, Janesville, Wis.
J. R. LAWRENCE, North Middleboro, Mass.
MRS. WM. A. ROUSE, Galena, Ill.
MISS FLORENCE MCLEAN, Maitland, Ont., Canada.
MAME CHAPPELEAR, Kerfoot, Va.
MRS. D. J. WARD, Elkhorn, Wis.
HERBERT BILLINGS, Box 17, Farmville, Va.
MRS. GEO. S. MILLER, Box 131, Deer Lodge, Montana.
A. FULTON BOYD, Limestone, Pa.
MRS. HARRY HAYNES, Box 276, Forest Grove, Oregon.
JOHN S. LINSLEY, M.D., Box 32, Baldwin Place, N. Y.
MRS. HARRIS LELAND SANGER, Box 133, South Woodstock, Conn.
EDWIN MICKLEM, Broaddus, Va.
WM. J. S. BRADWAY, Hancock's Bridge, N. J.

In connection with the first prize photograph of *Countess Spencer Seedling Sweet Peas* (shown on page 62), we received the following letter:

JAMES W. NAIRN, Box 420, Truro, N. S., Canada, October 3, 1905, writes: I have never before grown such fine sweet peas as I now have in full bloom from your "Countess Seedlings." Vines are extra tall, of good substance and colouring. Blossoms are grand. Have strong stems, many eighteen inches in length, carrying always three and sometimes four immense exquisitely colored blooms of many different shades of pink, all beautiful. Standards of blossoms are rounded full, fluted and waved in a truly wonderful way, while the wings have such a decidedly wide awake look that, as we admire the blossoms, we are reminded of a flight of birds. The blooms of this fine strain of sweet pea are certainly good material with which to construct handsome bouquets and cut flower work.

First Prize Description.

MRS. M. L. HINDS, Kenwood, N. Y., October 14th, 1905, writes: The Seedlings of Countess Spencer Sweet Peas proved most pleasing. Among their merits were long, stout stems, flowers bunched well toward the tips of stems, and bearing during the early part of the season when conditions were best, four flowers on a stem! Quite uniformly they bear three. The quaintness of their blooms together with their lovely tints of shell-pink, salmon pink and rose hues made them incomparably beautiful.

Dainty pink blooms whose wings lapped, formed a concave receptacle which encircled a pure white keel, the banners (standards) symmetrically following the curve of the wings except for the space of one-fourth inch when they joined and poked up in a tiny hood, making a very pretty flower.

A salmon-pink variety with crinkled wings and banners, the edges of banners prettily scalloped, left naught to be desired in way of novelty.

Others with broad wings wide-spreading, curled tips, and banners erect produced very large flowers.

Still others gracefully rolled both banners at the tips, while their wings curled diagonally, giving very unique blooms.

At a Four-o'clock-Tea the Countess Spencer varieties called forth admiration for their silky, satiny effects, as well as for their lovely tints and fanciful shapes. Notwithstanding their diaphanous appearance, they were of good texture and substance.

With the exception of Mrs. Walter Wright, Countess Spencer Seedlings outblomed the other varieties, blossoms being regularly gathered till the second week in October, Friday the 13th being the first day when the vines were visited and no flowers were to be found.

Surpasses All Other Varieties.

MRS. E. N. MALTBY, Manor, Sask., Canada, July 20, 1905, writes: As I sit writing at the open window a gentle breeze wafts towards me the delicious scent of Sweet Peas. I look out and my eye rests on a tall hedge of these beautiful flowers, which is ablaze with sunset-hued blossoms, namely the Seedlings of Countess Spencer. Here is one of a delicate silvery white, daintily flushed with palest pink; here another of deep rose tint; another like the inside of a sea-shell; others of salmon hue,—some almost orange, and still others of lovely coral pink—in fact, every shade of pink is to be found in these exquisitely tinted blossoms. Look at their beautiful crinkled petals, their immense size, and see the way they stand up tall and straight on stiff long stalks. Scarcely one amongst them that has not three flowers on the stem and many have even four. Never were Sweet Peas so lovely in their coloring, so enormous in size, so exquisite in form. I have in my garden many other varieties of beautiful Sweet Peas, but quite the favorites are those well-named "Orchid-Flowered," which surpass all other varieties, and if I could have only one variety of Sweet Pea I should not hesitate to choose the "Seedlings of Countess Spencer."

Colors Blend Delicately.

REV. G. H. A. MURRAY, Rector of Hatley, Quebec, Canada, Oct. 2, 1905, writes: During the past thirty years the firm of W. ATLEE BURPEE & Co., Philadelphia, has introduced so many exceptionally fine varieties of Sweet Peas that Burpee's name already stands for the best: yet, in my experience with Sweet Peas, spread over fifteen years, I have never seen anything to equal the subject of this report. They are such veritable giants that an ordinary pea looks diminutive beside them. They are usually borne four on a stem facing one way, the lowest flower being almost double, while the wings of all four roll and fold most gracefully and are crinkled or fluted most artistically. The colors, varying from white to rich rose, lavender and mauve shades, never clash, but blend delicately. The plant grows very rapidly and vigorously, and the flowers, which hang very symmetrically, come into bloom as early in the season as any large flowered variety. They are of such perfect form and keep so long after being cut that they cannot be surpassed for bouquets and floral designs. Thanks to their use I won two first and several other prizes at the County and Provincial Fairs. No words can justly describe the beauty of the exquisite types found in this new race of Sweet Peas.

Sample Reports on Seedlings of Countess Spencer.

Finest Sweet Peas Yet Introduced

JAMES A. BLAND, 115 Toronto St., Victoria, B. C., Canada, September 25, 1905, writes: Having read your description of the New Race of "Giant Orchid-Flowered" Tall Sweet Peas, Superb Seedlings of Countess Spencer, I purchased from you a packet of the seed, which I planted out in the open ground on the 19th of March last. The exceptional vitality of the seeds is evidenced by the fact that out of one hundred seeds planted eighty-nine germinated. The vines grew very vigorously and commenced to bloom profusely on the 1st of July, and at the present time are over twelve feet high. The superb flowers, which are of exquisite shades and combinations of colors, blend most harmoniously and are of enormous size and splendid form, measuring two inches across and gracefully borne, four flowers on long stout stems measuring from seventeen to twenty inches in length.

The vines have borne a continuous bloom throughout the whole season and have been entirely free from blight. Notwithstanding the enormous height of the vines, the flowers still maintain their standard of quality and excellence.

I have every reason to believe this new and distinct race of Tall Sweet Peas, so appropriately named "Giant Orchid-Flowered," to be the finest Sweet Peas yet introduced. They are sure to prove a great favorite.

When sending the above report Mr. Bland also wrote: The Sweet Peas this year were a grand success—never had better. At our flower show here last month I took all the first prizes in Class B, which is the senior amateur class, as follows: 36 varieties, named, Silver-gilt medal of Royal Horticultural Society of England for Affiliated Societies; 24 varieties; 16 varieties and 8 varieties. Being a strict amateur, last year, I could enter in both amateur classes, but this year you could only enter in one class. Class B consists principally of those who have gardeners. I also took first prize for 24 and 12 varieties of Pansies—your New Blend.

Produced Masses of the Largest Blooms.

FRANK STUHLMAN, Vernon, New York, Sept. 25, 1905, writes: This is the first Sweet Pea introduced in many years that shows a distinct advance all along the line. It seems to be not an improvement but a "new creation" worthy of a Burbank. What is very gratifying is its superior hardiness. Very often an increase in size and loveliness of bloom is at the expense of strength of the plant's constitution, but happily it is not so in this case.

This year has been very unfavorable in this section for peas of all kinds; blight very prevalent. I sowed in a double row seed of Countess Spencer Seedlings side by side with seed of the finest mixtures from three of the best seedsmen, and while the others blighted to the ground without flowering the Countess Spencer Seedlings grew to a height of seven feet and produced masses of the largest blossoms the whole season. A lady seeing a cluster asked, "What are those, Sweet Peas? Well, I never saw such Sweet Peas!" The immense flowers are borne three or four on a stem, the colors running through the shades from red to white, including pinks of all depths of coloring and salmon shades. They contain no blues or purples, although some of the whites show a delicate edge of blue. No flower is entirely self colored. Each one contains splashes of deeper but not contrasting colors, or are shaded like watered silk, with a luster, however, no fabric ever possessed. The whites are exquisitely bordered with red or blue or flushed and suffused with creamy pink. In size they are not approached by any other Sweet Pea. They have every requisite for an ideal Sweet Pea: viz., beauty, size, fragrance and, above all, hardiness.

No Description Can Do Them Justice.

HERMAN GINGERY, Weston, Ohio, Sept. 1, 1905, writes: Regarding the Seedlings Countess Spencer, I must say that no man can write a description to half do them justice. In size they are superior to all others, ranging from one and three-fourths to two and one-sixteenth inches across. The colors are of the most delicate shades of salmon, rose, pink and orange, and in some specimens almost a silvery white, so very light is the pink. These grand flowers are borne on long, stiff stems and from two to four on a stem. They are mostly waved and wrinkled, giving them a unique appearance.

Finest for Bouquets.

EMILY W. HEYD, State Road, Delaware, Oct. 2, 1905, writes: They are simply magnificent. They excel all other varieties and embrace about every shade of pink, orange, salmon, rose—in fact, all shades that have a tint of pink. And such exquisite shades; and they all blend so harmoniously.

They are the finest Sweet Peas for bouquets; the flowers are of such enormous size, a great many coming with double wings and commonly come from four to six flowers on the long stout stem. The stems are longer and stouter than I ever found among Sweet Peas before. The whole vine grows very robust, and blossoms very profusely, much longer than the other varieties, the flowers remaining very large to the last.

Ever the Longest of Stems.

MRS. GEO. S. MILLER, P. O. 131, Deer Lodge, Montana, September 25, 1905, writes: Your Sweet Pea seed "Countess of Spencer" were planted on the 21st of April, 1905. In the natural order of seed events they began to send up their green heads, and they grew and grew so on July 23d the first blooms were picked. Since that time they have been a perfect wonderful delight from day to day. The large, long-stemmed (have picked some 16 inches long) beautiful flowers have been in grand display.

All shades of pink from the faintest flush to deep orange and rose shade have appeared with the large soft fluted edges, making them indeed the ideal flower of the Sweet Pea race.

To-day there is a massive bunch before me that have been picked for a week and the flowers are larger and finer than when first cut, while in the yard the vines are eight feet high and with their many shades of pink blooms look like a huge bouquet. The last two weeks we have been standing on a chair to cut the flowers. They are so tall we cannot reach the top.

But, alas, the time has come to say "Good Bye" for this year, hoping we will all greet the heirs of this glorious race next year. I will add a few of the expressions they have called forth:

Beautiful as the summer dawn;
Unique as the flowers of the tropic zone;
Radiant as the humming birds;
Plentiful as the honey bees;
Endless in color as the setting sun;
Ever the longest of stems.

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W. ATLEE BURPEE & CO., Philadelphia



"The Best Collection of Vegetables" at NEW YORK STATE FAIR, Syracuse, New York, September, 1905, which won First Prize for the Glendale Stock Farm, Glens Falls, New York,—also the "Burpee Premium,"—as those Vegetables were all grown exclusively from Burpee's Seeds.

Burpee's Seeds are "Seeds of Success"

For several years the "BURPEE PREMIUM" has been a feature at the leading State and County Fairs. Competition for this special premium is growing keener every year, and it is most gratifying to us to learn that the strongest competition comes from other exhibits of the products of BURPEE'S SEEDS. When we have had the space at our disposal a mention of the awards of the "Burpee Premium" the previous season has been made in THE FARM ANNUAL, but desiring to give our customers a more full report we have for the past four years issued a PRIZE SUPPLEMENT.

In 1902 the **First Prize** and **Sweepstakes** at the New York State Fair were won by MR. E. VAN ALLEN, of Delmar. Mr. Van Allen's total winnings amounted to **\$361.00 in cash prizes**. The Burpee Special in 1900 was won by MR. DEAN FERRIS, Peekskill, N. Y., whose total winnings were **\$501.75**.

In 1901 MR. ALFRED SWEET, Glens Falls, N. Y., won, all told, **1103 First Prizes and 153 Second Prizes**, giving him a total of **\$957.10 in cash prizes**—entitling him also to our "*One Hundred Dollar Special*," making his winnings amount in all to **\$1057.10**.

In 1902, owing to the unfavorable season, we did not expect Mr. Sweet's total of the previous year to be equaled, but in spite of such a poor season Mr. Sweet rolled up a total of **\$888.00**, which, together with our "*One Hundred Dollar Special*," brought the total for that year up to **\$988.00**.

In 1903, although we had another unfavorable season, the GLENDALE STOCK FARM, Glens Falls, N. Y., reported total winnings of **\$919.25**, and after adding our "*One Hundred Dollar Special*" and other premiums, made a total of **\$1054.25**, all won on the products of BURPEE'S SEEDS.

In 1904 the GLENDALE STOCK FARM was again the winner of our "*One Hundred Dollar Special*," as they reported that they had won a total of **\$1069.50**, to which is to be added the "*One Hundred Dollar Special*," \$50.00 awarded in Burpee Premiums at State and County Fairs, and \$100.00 which we sent them as an "honorarium" for the great honors won at St. Louis, making a grand total of **\$1325.50**. This is the largest sum any one exhibitor has ever been awarded since we commenced offering the Burpee Premium.

In 1905, although MR. C. M. HOLLEY, Manager of Glendale Stock Farm, Glens Falls, N. Y., made a tremendous effort and exhibited an unusually fine lot of vegetables at the different fairs, he is just a few dollars short of winning the \$100.00 Special. The past season Mr. Holley reported cash winnings of **\$951.75**.

MR. M. L. BELL, Sparkhill, N. Y., reported **\$1066.38**, to which is to be added our \$100.00 Special, making Mr. Bell's total winnings amount in all to **\$1171.38**. This is the largest total that has been won on the products of Burpee's seeds in any one season with the exception of 1904, when the total winnings of Mr. Holley were **\$1325.50**, but this total included a special honorarium of \$100.00 which we sent Mr. Holley on account of the good work he had done at St. Louis. Mr. Bell has sent us a sworn affidavit and list of winnings at the different fairs. Mr. Bell's winnings were as follows:

Rockland County Industrial Association, New City, N. Y.,	\$278.85
Rockland County Fair, Orangetburg, N. Y.,	367.75
Westchester County Fair, White Plains, N. Y.,	149.78
American Institute, New York, N. Y. (September),	34.00
American Institute, New York, N. Y. (November),	94.00
Tarrytown Horticultural Society, Tarrytown, N. Y.,	17.00
New York County Fair, Madison Square Garden, New York,	125.00
	\$1066.38
"One Hundred Dollar Special" and Burpee County Fair Prize,	105.00
Total,	\$1171.38

The BURPEE PREMIUM at State and County Fairs.

We again authorize the Secretaries of every State Fair in the United States to offer a **cash prize of twenty dollars** for the best collection of Vegetables grown from BURPEE'S SEEDS. We authorize, also, the secretary of every County Fair in the United States to announce, in like manner, a cash prize of five dollars for the best display of the products (Vegetables or Flowers) of BURPEE'S SEEDS.

In Case this offer is not announced in the regular PREMIUM LISTS for 1906 of any State or County Fair, and a customer of ours should want to compete, we will waive this requirement and still pay the same cash prize, — provided the products of BURPEE'S SEEDS exclusively have won the Society's regular prize for "Best Display of Vegetables." SHOW CARDS furnished, if desired.

Photographs. We desire to have a photograph of exhibits winning our prize at STATE FAIRS, and in return shall send a dollar, in addition to the prize of \$20.00, to each one sending such a photograph, while for the **best photograph** we will pay a special prize of **ten dollars extra**.

\$100.00 Extra. We will pay also one hundred dollars cash as an extra prize to exhibitor who wins the greatest amount of prizes for products of Burpee's Seeds in 1906.

Please write us a complete list, with amounts of money awarded, of all the prizes won at different fairs. To the party whose report reaches the largest correct TOTAL in cash prizes, we shall send our check for an extra hundred dollars. All reports of prize awards must be received on or before **Dec. 10, 1906.**

Prizes Won in Fall of 1905 at State and County Fairs.

In New York.

On October 3, 1905, we received a letter from MARTIN L. BELL, Sparkill, enclosing certificate from the Secretary of the Westchester County Fair, and stating that Mr. Bell had received the Society's First Premium of \$20.00 on his collection of vegetables grown from Burpee's seeds. Mr. Bell writes:—"The committee in charge congratulated me on my success and said it was the best collection ever put up at that fair." November 29, 1905, we received the following letter from Mr. Bell:—"The following is a correct statement of my winnings at the several fairs the past season:—At the Rockland County Industrial Association at New City I received first premium on collection of vegetables grown from your seeds; first on a general display of farm produce and first on several collections such as onions, tomatoes, sweet corn, peppers, etc. About 320 first prizes and many seconds, in all amounting to \$278.85. The two varieties of sweet corn grown from your seed won first at nearly every fair.

"At the Rockland County Agricultural and Horticultural Association at Orangeburg, N. Y., I won first on several collections of different varieties of vegetables and farm crops. In all, 475 first and second premiums, amounting to \$367.75.

"At the Westchester County Fair, White Plains, I received First Premium on a collection of vegetables grown from your seeds. . . . I received 14 first and 2 second premiums out of 17 entries of potatoes and many firsts on other vegetables, a total of \$149.78.

"At American Institute, New York City, in September I received a total of \$34.00. At American Institute in November I received first on collection of Farm Produce, first on collection of cooking vegetables, first on collection of salad vegetables, second on collection of market vegetables in packages. Also first on several varieties of cabbage, first on best peck of potatoes, first on six varieties of onions. Also first on best four quarts of onions, first on celeriac, egg plant, peppers, etc. All from your seeds, amounting in all to \$94.00.

"And now comes Tarrytown, the home of Rockefeller and other millionaire gardeners. The Tarrytown Horticultural Society, November 1, 2, and 3, at which I received second on a collection of 12 species of vegetables in which class there were nine entries and nearly all by the gardeners of Rockefeller and others of the Four Hundred, among whom expense of production is no object. I also won first on the special prize offered by Peter Henderson & Co. for the Best Collection of Vegetables, in which class there were five entries by the same class of gardeners. Rockefeller didn't get even a second. How is that for 'Mountain Side Farm' and Burpee's Seeds? Total amount \$17.00. The total amount thus far is \$941.38. I am hoping to win your special prize of \$100.00 this year."

 With the \$125.00 won at the New York County Fair, Madison Square Garden, the Burpee Premium of Five Dollars at Westchester County Fair, and "Our Hundred Dollar Special Extra Premium," Mr. Bell's total cash winnings amounted to \$1171.38.—See preceding page.

In New York.

As usual, MR. C. M. HOLLEY, Manager Glendale Stock Farm, Glens Falls, exhibited products of Burpee's seeds at several prominent County Fairs in New York State. Mr. Holley was successful in winning the NEW YORK STATE FAIR SOCIETY's first prize on best collection of vegetables, which, of course, entitles him to the Burpee Premium of \$20.00. Mr. Holley reports winning the past season as follows:—

New York State Fair, Syracuse, N. Y. . . .	\$381.75
Warren County Fair, Warrensburgh, N. Y. . . .	130.00
The Valley Fair, Brattleboro, Vt. . . .	110.00
Washington County Fair, Sandy Hill, N. Y. . . .	180.00
Cambridge Fair, Cambridge, N. Y. . . .	150.00

\$951.75

As Mr. Holley worked so hard and after all was unsuccessful in winning the "One Hundred Dollar Special," we awarded him a "Consolation Prize" of \$50.00, making his total winnings, with the Burpee Premiums at one State Fair and two County Fairs (\$30.00), this season amount to **\$1031.75**.

"BURPEE'S SEEDS GROW" and also 'win the dough.' Success to Burpee and his famous seeds!" Thus writes W. B. MEAD, Portland, when acknowledging receipt of our check for \$5.00 in payment of premium won by him on collection of vegetables exhibited at the Chautauqua County Fair held at Dunkirk-Fredonia last September. Mr. Mead received \$32.50 in premiums on the products of Burpee's seeds the past season.

F. A. KENYON, Canton, was awarded First Premium for "Best Collection of Vegetables" at the Fifty-Fifth Annual Fair of the St. Lawrence County Agricultural Society held at Canton, N. Y., September 12, 13, 14, 15, 1905. The vegetables comprising this collection being all grown from Burpee's seeds, Mr. Kenyon was also entitled to the Burpee Premium of \$5.00.

The special Burpee Premium of \$5.00 for the "Best Display of Vegetables" was awarded to MESSRS. GIDDINGS & SON of Baldwinsville on their exhibit at the Onondaga County Fair held last September at Phoenix, N. Y.

BURTON B. BROUGHTON, Delhi, was again successful in winning the Burpee Premium as offered at the Delaware County Fair held at Delhi, last fall. Mr. Broughton, November 27, 1905, writes:—"I had over one hundred varieties in the exhibit which won your cash prize besides many individual prizes for separate varieties. It took the premium over many exhibits entered against it and was said to be the finest exhibit ever seen short of the State Fair. . . . Of the 100 varieties entered for single premiums at the fair I received 89 first premiums and 8 seconds besides your special prize of \$5.00. This year my small garden 40 X 50 feet has brought me in in premiums and market produce sold about \$175.00. If this don't pay them there is nothing that does. For this success I owe W. Atlee Burpee & Co. my sincerest thanks for the great merit of their 'seeds that grow.' Their seeds cannot be praised too highly."

In New York.

"Your check for \$5.00 duly received. Thanks for same. The total amount of premiums received by me this season on products grown from your seeds was **\$26.50** including your special premium." This is what Jas. E. COLE, Fulton, wrote under date of October 16, 1905, when acknowledging receipt of check in payment of premium awarded him on his exhibit of vegetables at the Oswego County Agricultural Society's Fair held at Fulton last fall.

HIRAM MILLER, Johnstown, was awarded the Burpee Premium as offered at the annual fair held by the Fulton County Agricultural Society at Johnstown last September. Mr. Miller writes:—"Have always found that 'Burpee's Seeds Grow.' Our sweet peas were more than nice this year. They commenced blooming early and there are quite a few out yet. (October 23, 1905.) We had very nice nasturtiums. I wish you good success on your Thirtieth Anniversary in 1906. Was awarded **\$41.00** in cash on the products of Burpee's seeds."

ARTHUR LOWELL, Cadiz, did not enter in competition for the Burpee Premium as offered at Franklin County Fair last September, but entered a collection of vegetables for the Society's regular First Premium, which he won, and as this collection was all grown from Burpee's seeds we awarded him a special premium of \$2.50 on same. We quote the following from a letter received from him last October:—"I have won first premium four years in succession and all won with the product of your seeds, as I purchase seeds from no other seedsmen. My total winnings this season are **\$17.25**."

A clipping from one of the County papers sent by GEO. F. THOMPSON, Waterport, the winner of the Burpee Premium at the Orleans County Fair, held at Albion last September, states:—"At our late County Fair, G. F. Thompson, of Waterport, won first and second premiums on collections of vegetables, also six first premiums and nine seconds upon single entries from seed obtained of W. Atlee Burpee & Co. He thus draws a prize of \$5.00 from Burpee." When writing, October 18th, thanking us for check received Mr. Thompson says:—"The amount of premiums received, including yours \$5.00, was **\$20.00**, and I have sold about that amount of vegetables from my garden, which has been the admiration of my neighbors, who experienced failure in having their seeds (which they bought at the grocery) germinate. Have advised them to send to Burpee another season. Your Matchless Tomato and Prize-Taker Onion are rightly named. We never had as nice before."

JOHN J. GOTHAM, Watertown, September 27, 1905, writes:—"At our last Jefferson County Agricultural Fair, held in Watertown from September 4th to the 8th, I was awarded first prize on the exhibit grown from Burpee's seed. We were also awarded First Premium on our general exhibit of vegetables and first on side displays of celery and cabbage, kohlrabi, parsnips, red onions, beets and turnips. Second prize on display of squash, tomatoes and Savoy Cabbage." The total amount of premiums received on the products of Burpee's seeds this season was **\$26.00**.

"Am more than ever convinced that when you desire to win premiums you must plant Burpee's Seeds." Thus writes MRS. D. A. HITCHMAN, Schoharie, who has for five years in succession been the winner of the Burpee Premium as offered at the Schoharie County Fair, held at Schoharie, as well as the winner of the Society's regular First Prize for "Best Collection of Vegetables," said vegetables being grown exclusively from Burpee's seeds. Mrs. Hitchman also writes:—"It gives me much pleasure to inform you that 1905 has been a most successful year for me in the garden line. I have for many years used Burpee's seeds exclusively and therefore know at planting time what the harvest will bring forth,—*Vegetables of the highest quality*. I was the largest exhibitor at the Schoharie County Fair this fall and won prizes on vegetables, including the Burpee Special of \$5.00, to the amount of **\$148.50**.

ALEXANDER SITCER, Valatie, won First Premium on collection of vegetables as offered by the Columbia County Agricultural Society at their fair held last fall at Chatham, N. Y. The vegetables exhibited being grown exclusively from Burpee's seeds, Mr. Sitcer also received our special premium of \$5.00. Regarding his exhibit at this fair Mr. Sitcer writes,—"I won over **\$60.00** there on vegetables grown from seeds I purchased of you."

In New York.

J. W. VAN OSTRAND, Jr., Bardonia, was awarded the Society's First Premium on his exhibit of vegetables grown from Burpee's seeds at the Sixty-fifth Annual Fair of the Orange County Agricultural Society held at Newburgh, August 15, 16, 17, 19, 1905. We therefore paid him the Burpee Premium as offered at County Fairs. He also received the Burpee Premium at the Great Hagerstown Fair, Maryland. (See awards in Maryland on page 51.) Mr. Van Ostrand, Jr., sends the following list of premiums received by him the past season on the products of Burpee's seeds:

At Middletown, N. Y.,	\$50.50
At Rockland County,	83.50
At Albany County Fair,	19.00
At Ulster County Fair,	50.50
At Rockland County Agricultural and Horticultural Society,	95.60
At Westchester County Fair,	65.00
At American Institute Fair, New York City,	5.00
At New York County Fair,	148.00
At Danbury Fair, Connecticut,	115.00
At Mt. Holly, N. J.,	12.00
At Hagerstown, Md.,	50.00

8694.10

At a later exhibition at the American Institute, New York City, Mr. Van Ostrand states that he received an additional sum of \$10.00 on products of Burpee's seeds. This with the \$10.00 received from us in payment of premiums won at Orange County Fair, N. Y., and the Hagerstown Fair, Md., makes the total amount of premiums received by Mr. Van Ostrand on the products of Burpee's seeds **\$714.10**.

MRS. CALVIN SHEELEY, Ellenville, was awarded the Burpee Premium of \$5.00 on her collection of vegetables grown from Burpee's seeds and exhibited at the Ulster County Fair which was held at Ellenville, N. Y., August 29th to September 1st, 1905. Mrs. Sheeley writes us that she received **\$25.00** in premiums on the products of Burpee's seeds.

"At the Albany County Fair held at Altamont the latter part of August this year I received a total of **\$50.00** in premiums on vegetables grown exclusively from Burpee's seeds. This amount includes the \$5.00 received from you and awarded for the best collection of vegetables grown from Burpee's seeds." Thus writes MRS. WILLIAM BEEBE, Altamont, who also won the Society's First Prize for "Best Collection of Vegetables."

A. J. GOUGH, Westport, took First Premium on collection of vegetables as offered by the Essex County Agricultural Society, whose annual fair was held at Westport last September. The vegetables exhibited being the products of Burpee's seeds, Mr. Gough received also the Burpee Premium of \$5.00. Mr. Gough, November 1st, 1905, writes:—"You can expect a larger order next spring, as there has been quite a number already who have spoken to me to send for them, as I had such good luck with all of my seeds that I bought of you. Everything grew and my garden was fine. * * * I received **\$20.00** in premiums this fall. I have had the very best results from your seeds. My garden has paid me this year more than \$100.00 besides all my winter supply."

The Burpee Premium as offered at the Oswego County Fair, held at Fulton, N. Y., August 29th to September 1st, 1905, was awarded to Miss HATTIE J. SMITH, Fulton, on her collection of flowers.

Certificate of award received from the secretary of the Montgomery County Agricultural Society, which held its Sixty-fourth Annual Exhibition last October at Fonda, N. Y., states that "F. W. STUBE, Fonda, won the Society's First Premium on 'The Greatest Variety of Vegetables' displayed at the Montgomery County Fair." Having won the Society's first premium on display of vegetables grown exclusively from Burpee's seeds, Mr. Stube was also entitled to the Burpee Premium of \$5.00. Mr. Stube sent us a photograph of this exhibit and writes:—"The exhibit as shown in photograph consisted of 89 varieties of vegetables of fine shape, quality and some of enormous size. * * * Was awarded first premium on about ten different pecks of potatoes, among them your Quick Lunch, of which I grew one-half bushel from a single pound in the usual way of very large size. There were two that averaged one pound each. * * * I received **\$70.00** on vegetables grown from your seeds at our fair."

In New York

The authorities of the Genesee County Fair divided our offer of \$5.00 and offered \$2.50 each for the best display of vegetables and the best display of flowers grown exclusively from Burpee's seeds. ARTHUR HAKES of Elba won the premium for best display of vegetables and MRS. CLARA NOYES, Elba, received the prize for best display of flowers.

The Burpee Premium of \$5.00 as offered at County Fairs for either the best collection of vegetables, or the best collection of flowers, was awarded to Mrs. F. E. ARMSTRONG, Avoca, on her display of flowers at the Steuben County Fair held last September at Bath, N. Y. Mrs. Armstrong writes that including our special premium she received \$9.00 in premiums on the products of Burpee's seeds the past season.

MRS. FRANK PHILLIPS, Lockport, won the First Premium offered by the Niagara County Agricultural Society for the best display of flowers. These flowers being the products of Burpee's seeds Mrs. Phillips also received our special premium as offered at County Fairs. Mrs. Phillips, November 23, 1905, writes:—"I certainly had the nicest display of flowers at our fair and I received first prize against a professional which, of course, made me feel very proud. I received in all \$33.00."

W. P. MASTEN, Pleasant Valley, exhibited a collection of vegetables grown from Burpee's seeds exclusively at the Dutchess County Fair held at Poughkeepsie, Sept. 26-29, 1905. This collection of vegetables won the Society's First Premium which entitled Mr. Masten to the Burpee Premium also. Mr. Masten was also awarded a special premium of \$2.50 by us on his fine display of flowers at the Orange County Fair held at Newburgh last August. Another collection of flowers exhibited at the Danbury Fair, Conn., was a prize winner. (See also list of awards in Connecticut, —page 48.)

Mrs. W. A. WADSWORTH, Canandaigua, took (the Society's) First Premium on Largest Collection of Garden Vegetables all raised from Burpee's seeds and therefore was also entitled to the Burpee Premium of \$5.00. Mrs. Wadsworth writes:—"As usual took several premiums on single displays. A seedsman from Troy is sending his agent here and I did not know but I might come out behind, but Burpee's seeds won the day as usual and Troy got third premium." There were forty-five varieties of vegetables in Mrs. Wadsworth's collection and the total amount won by her in premiums on the products of Burpee's seeds was \$20.00.

"The products of your seeds have won for me this season \$123.75. I cannot but speak in highest terms of both your seeds and your method of conducting your business, both of which have always been very satisfactory to me. Your seeds always grow. After writing you a year ago on this same subject I received notice that I had been awarded a GOLD MEDAL at St. Louis on my exhibit of vegetables. This exhibit was largely from your seeds with the exception of 150 varieties of potatoes." The above is an extract from a letter received from LEWIS J. BRUNDAGE, Starkey, last November thanking us for our check of \$5.00 in payment of premium won at Yates County Fair held at Penn Yan last September. Mr. Brundage won the Society's First Premium for "Largest and best display of vegetables," and these vegetables were exclusively the product of Burpee's seeds.

V. J. CASTERTON, Lowell, received First Premium as offered by the Oneida County Agricultural Society at its annual fair held at Rome, N. Y., last fall for the largest and best display of vegetables. These vegetables were grown from seeds purchased of us and Mr. Casterton was therefore entitled to the Burpee Premium of \$5.00 as offered at County Fairs. Mr. Casterton writes:—"I use only your seeds; they are always the best. * * * Total amount of premium money received on products of Burpee's seeds is \$32.25. As usual, your seeds gave entire satisfaction."

At the Rockland County Agricultural and Horticultural Association's Fair held at Orangeburg, N. Y., September 4 to 9, 1905, EFFINGHAM L. TALLMAN, Nyack, was awarded First Premium on his collection of vegetables exhibited, and as the vegetables were raised from Burpee's seeds he was also awarded the Burpee Special.

 See page 44 for photograph of "The Best Collection of Vegetables" at NEW YORK STATE FAIR.

In New York

At the Saratoga County Fair held at Ballston Spa, N. Y., MESSRS. DE RIDDER BROS. won the Society's First Premium as well as the Burpee Premium on their display of vegetables grown from Burpee's seeds. Messrs. De Ridder Bros. write:—"There were four entries for your Special,—we were easily the winners. We have used your seeds fifteen years and can say there are no better seeds at any price. We certainly had a fine collection consisting of 82 different varieties and pronounced the best ever shown at a County Fair. Burpee's seeds are certainly the best that grow and always do grow."

For several years D. H. GRIBSON, Little Valley, has won the Society's First Premium at the Cattaraugus County Fair held at Little Valley on his display of vegetables grown exclusively from Burpee's seed, and has been successful again the past season, taking First Premium for "Greatest Variety of Vegetables," as well as a large number of first premiums on single entries, amounting to \$23.00.

C. W. HORTON, Elmira, exhibited collections of vegetables grown from Burpee's seeds at three County Fairs and two Agricultural Fairs the past season and won the Society's First Premium on said collections at the following fairs, which entitled him also to the Burpee Premium:—Chemung County Agricultural Society, Elmira, N. Y. Cortland County Agricultural Society, Cortland, N. Y. Tompkins County Agricultural Society, Ithaca, N. Y. Mr. Horton also won first on general display of vegetables at Hornellsville (N. Y.) Fair, but as this is not a County Fair could not compete for the Burpee Premium. Mr. Horton writes:—"I had five other displays against me, but it takes your vegetables to win. All the seeds I got from you were true, especially the onions. I had a fine crop. Here is a list of the premiums I won this fall on your vegetables:—

Hornellsville	\$18.00
Cortland	43.25
Watkins	8.00
Ithaca	64.40
Elmira	19.75

\$153.40

MRS. PHILIP SKELTON, Batavia, entered a collection of flowers grown from Burpee's seeds in competition for the Burpee Premium as offered at the Genesee County Fair last September. While she did not win the first premium, she was awarded second premium, and in consideration of the fine show of asters, etc., we made her a special award of \$1.00. Mrs. Skelton, December 7, 1905, writes:—"I have grown your Amber Pop Corn since the first year you introduced the seed. This year we had fifteen bushels on less than one-eighth of an acre of ground. With regards to the flowers, they were fine. So many of the asters were without the centers, just like balls, and so many colors. Also the pansies—particularly the ones with the crinkly edges, were so beautiful."

"You will see by enclosed orders that I was again successful in winning the Burpee Special Premium at both Lyons and Newark Fairs. I also won the Society's first premium for 'Best Display' at both Lyons and Newark besides a large number of single premiums for 'Best six' of different kinds of vegetables. The amount won with the products of Burpee's seeds was \$33.25." The above is an extract from a letter received from Mrs. GEORGE DUDLEY, Lyons, telling us of her winnings on the products of Burpee's seeds at the Wayne County Agricultural Society's Fair held at Lyons and the fair held at Newark, N. Y., which is known as the Newark Fair Association and which represents Ontario and Wayne Counties.

In California.

W. L. WAYNE, Davis Creek, received First Premium of \$10.00 as offered by the Modoc County Agricultural Association for the best exhibit of vegetables at the fair held in September at Alturas. As this exhibit was grown entirely from Burpee's seeds we awarded him our special premium of \$5.00 as offered at County Fairs. Mr. Wayne stated he won a total amount of \$27.00 on the products of Burpee's seeds. This is the fifth year that Mr. Wayne has received the Association's First Premium on his display of vegetables grown from our seeds.

In Colorado.

JOHN TENBROOK, Glenwood Springs, won both the Society's first premium and the Special Burpee Premium on his exhibit of the products of Burpee's seeds the past season at the Glenwood Springs Fair, which is the representative fair of Eagle, Garfield and Pitkin Counties. When acknowledging receipt of check Mr. Tenbrook states:—"Besides the \$5.00 premium I took first on onions, beans, peas, beets, celery, pumpkins, lettuce, peppers, egg plants, asters and display of flowers grown outdoors, making a total of **\$19.00** on products of Burpee's seeds."

Mr. Tenbrook has for several years received the Society's First Prize with the products of Burpee's seeds.

In Connecticut.

EDITH L. MASTEN, Pleasant Valley, N. Y., made an exhibit of flowers grown exclusively from Burpee's seeds at the fair held by the Danbury Agricultural Society in October at Danbury and received the Society's first premium on same. The Danbury Fair is the representative fair of Fairfield County.

* * * See also J. W. Van Ostrand's winnings on page 47. * * *

An exhibit of twenty-five varieties of vegetables, all grown from Burpee's seeds, won for MESSRS. FRANKLIN & CROSBY, Brooklyn, the Burpee Premium at the Windham County Agricultural Society's Fair held last September at Brooklyn. They write us,— "We took first prize on collection of cut flowers at Putnam Fair also." They therefore received special premium of \$5.00 at the Putnam County Fair on collection of flowers, and received a total amount of **\$44.20** in cash premiums on the products of Burpee's seeds the past season.

Having won the Society's first premium on exhibit of flowers at the fair held in September by the New London County Agricultural Society, at Norwich, Mrs. H. L. MINER, Fitchville, also received the Burpee premium, as the flowers exhibited were all grown from Burpee's seeds. When sending us certificate of award the secretary wrote:—"Her exhibit was very fine and the flowers were marked 'Grown from Burpee's Seeds!'" The Society awarded Mrs. Miner \$7.50 on her exhibit of flowers, thus with the Burpee premium makes the total **\$12.50**.

LESTER JOSLYN, Putnam, October 16, 1905, writes:—"I won the first premium on best display of vegetables at Putnam County Fair. Also on a great many single entries. Sweet peas and nasturtiums from your seeds also won first and second prizes. In the midst of the collection we hung your card 'The Burpee Quality in Vegetables.' The judge pronounced them the finest vegetables ever entered at Putnam Fair." Having won the Society's first premium on this collection of vegetables Mr. Joslyn also received our special premium of \$5.00. "Out of all the collections of vegetables mine was pronounced the largest and best. Besides on most of my single premiums (which were raised from your seeds) I took first premium. The total amount of premiums received from the products of your seeds was **\$37.50**."

The secretary of The Rockville Fair Association Company, which held its annual fair in September at Rockville, notified us that WILLIAM CLARK, of Vernon Center, had a fine display of vegetables at this fair. Mr. Clark sent us a fine photograph of his exhibit, which received the Society's first premium for the best collection of vegetables, which also entitled him to the Burpee Premium. When acknowledging receipt of our check Mr. Clark writes:—"My total premiums were **\$28.75**. The premiums here are very small for the work we have to do, but it is worth something to beat some of those that think they are the smartest people in the world and buy their seeds anywhere and everywhere. Burpee's seeds will win every time if proper care is taken."

In New Jersey.

HAMILTON GRANGE, No. 79, P. of H., Hamilton Square, was again awarded First Prize at the Interstate Fair, held at Trenton, September 24 to 28, 1905, for the best display of vegetables grown from Burpee's seeds, and for the second time received the Burpee Premium of \$20.00. The secretary of the Grange writes us that "Burpee's seeds gave good satisfaction." * * * Total amount received by Hamilton Grange is **\$95.00**. There were many first prizes won by individual members of the Grange on vegetables grown from Burpee's seeds, but I am not able to give the amounts."

In Illinois.

"I have always had the best of success with Burpee's seeds," is what S. H. RIFLEY, Belleville, writes regarding his exhibit of vegetables at the ILLINOIS STATE FAIR, November 1, 1905. "The fair was held at Springfield, September 30 to October 7, 1905. This display of vegetables (grown from Burpee's seeds) formed a part of my display of farm products from this (St. Clair) County, on which I was awarded the first premium, \$250.00, for best and largest display of farm products from the southern division of the State. In the contests open to the whole State I was awarded first on three Hubbard Squash, first on Largest Pumpkin, first on Boston Marrow Squash, first on Small Peppers, first on Turnips, Beets, second on Mangold Wurzels, second on Parsnips and second on Large Peppers. I would have taken quite a number more single premiums, but the competition for the \$250.00 premium was so strong that I had to leave a great many of my finest vegetables in the display to get that premium." Mr. Ripley was also awarded the Special Burpee Premium of \$20.00 as offered at State Fairs on his display of vegetables.

While we only offer one premium at any fair, we made an exception this year in the case of GEORGE R. PROCTOR, Peoria, who was awarded second premium by the judges at the Illinois State Fair on his display of vegetables grown from Burpee's seeds. This exhibit was of such merit as to warrant special recognition, so we therefore awarded Mr. Proctor a special prize of \$10.00, making the total amount of premiums received by him the past season on the products of Burpee's seeds **\$219.00**.

MRS. NANNIE A. McGEE, Cambridge, received the Blue Ribbon on her exhibit of flowers (grown from Burpee's seeds) at the fair held last August by the Henry County Agricultural Board at Cambridge. Mrs. McGee writes:—"I took first on single entries on the following flowers, all raised from Burpee's seeds:—phlox, asters, pansies, zinnias, balsams, petunias, pinks. My flowers also took several premiums at the Kewanee District Fair. * * * Am much pleased with the seeds I bought from you. Have had a fine garden and lovely flowers. The total amount of my premiums is **\$37.75** on my flowers and vegetables raised from Burpee's seeds."

MRS. ANNA PARRO, Watseka, has been the successful competitor for several years for the Burpee Premium at the Iroquois County Fair at Watseka, which was held this year September 11th-15th.

E. B. RANDOLPH, Delavan, received the First Prize as offered by The Tazewell County Board of Agriculture, at its Twenty-Seventh Annual Fair at Delavan, August 29th to September 1st, 1905, on collection of vegetables exhibited, all the vegetables being grown from Burpee's seeds. We therefore paid him our special premium of \$5.00. He writes:—"I received a great many first prizes also on single lots, such as onions, squashes, peppers, turnips and tomatoes." The secretary of this fair writes:—"Mr. Randolph had a very fine display, very creditable to him and the fair association."

R. H. VANDERHOOF, Newton, was awarded the Special Burpee Premium on his collection of vegetables raised from Burpee's seeds and exhibited at the fair held in September at Newton by the Jasper County Agricultural Joint Stock Company. Also received on this same exhibit \$2.00, first premium offered by the Society for best and largest display of vegetables.

The display of vegetables made by MRS. WILLIAM A. ROUSE, Galena (and which was grown entirely from Burpee's seeds), at the Fiftieth Annual Fair of the Jo Daviess County Agricultural Society, held at Galena in September, received the first premium as offered by the Society, which entitled her also to our special premium. The secretary of this fair writes that the display was very fine and received much praise. Mrs. Rouse writes, October 1, 1905:—"My sweet corn from your seeds took first and second premiums, 'Houling Mob' taking the Blue and White Evergreen the Red, Stowell's Evergreen and another variety in competition. This corn was entered separate from the display of vegetables and no one knew who entered it and from whom the seed was purchased. My sour pickles from cauliflower, beet, cucumber, White Queen or Barletta Onion and White Wax Bean took first premium. I am greatly encouraged by my first attempt at advertising my work and give a great deal of the credit to Burpee's seeds."

In Illinois.

GEORGE B. DODD, Morrison, writes:—"I am pleased to announce to you that I was again the Blue Ribbon man at the County Fair held at Morrison, Ill., Sept. 5 to 8, 1905. I captured *first premium on nearly all of my exhibit*, my premiums amounting to \$29.00. This is the result of Burpee's seeds, from which I grew my display. I can assure you that I am more than satisfied with your seeds. They are all you ask for them. *Clean, bright seed, quick to germinate and true to name.* What more could one ask from seeds? The *New Stone Tomatoes* from your seed were grand. The *Sure-head Cabbage* is a winner. My *Black Beauty Egg Plants* were the largest and most handsome I ever had on exhibition. They are so large and very productive. In my order I included a package of '*Howling Mob, Sweet Corn*', which after trial I am well pleased with and think it well named. It certainly did exceedingly well for me. I shall plant more of '*Howling Mob*' next season. I certainly see the benefits of good seeds. There is nothing gained in buying unreliable seed at any price. * * *". The fair at which Mr. Dodd exhibited the products of our seeds this year was the Thirty-fifth Annual Fair held by the Whiteside County Central Agricultural Society, and this is the third year in succession that he has won the *Society's First Premium* on Best Display of Vegetables with the products of Burpee's seeds.

The Twenty-Second Annual Magnolia Grange Agricultural Fair (which is the representative fair of Putnam County) was held in September at Mt. Palatine. GEORGE O. DAVIS, Lostant, on an exhibit of vegetables grown from Burpee's seeds exclusively, received the *Society's first premium* of \$3.00, which entitled him also to our special premium of \$5.00. Mr. Davis states that this collection was made up of forty-five separate varieties of vegetables. "Took *Seven Blue and Four Red Ribbons* outside of the collection, all from seed of your firm. I made a sign out of the *Stringless Green Pod Bean* seed and placed the beans on a white background. The sign read '*Grown from Burpee's Seeds.*' * * * I won \$10.20 at this fair on vegetables raised from your seeds exclusively."

A. J. DUNLAP, Olney, received the *Society's first premium* on his display of vegetables at the Richland County Fair held at Olney last September, and as the vegetables exhibited were all grown from Burpee's seeds, he also received the Burpee Premium.

In Iowa.

L. G. CLUTE, Manchester, October 23, 1905, writes:—"Your seeds made a fine crop this year and I have now some of the finest specimens of carrots, beets and mangels I ever saw and have the best cabbage in Delaware County." Mr. Clute also states:—"I took first on vegetables over all on general collection and first on vegetables grown from Burpee's seeds." Mr. Clute also won the Burpee Premium at the *IOWA STATE FAIR* held at Des Moines August 25 to September 1, 1905, and writes, "took \$32.00 in cash prizes on Burpee's seeds in 1905."

WILLIAM WHITE, Greenfield, October 6, 1905, writes:—"I write to tell you that I have taken first premium on best display of farm products at the Greenfield, Adair County Fair. * * * Also took several premiums on rose bushes and flowers, all the plants and seeds being purchased from W. Atlee Burpee & Co." The total amount of premiums won by Mr. White on the products of Burpee's seeds this year was \$16.80.

We quote the following from letter received from FREELING Fox of Hampton, who received both the *Society's* and the Special Burpee Premium on his display of vegetables at the Franklin County Fair held at Hampton last September:—"I had twenty-five entries and won seventeen premiums besides the premium for best exhibit. *Seeds were first-class.* * * * My winnings are not large compared with some you report in your seed catalogue. Including the Burpee Premium I won \$16.80. I am well pleased with your seeds. Have used them almost exclusively for seven years."

HARVE OWENS, Bloomfield, was awarded the Burpee Premium on his collection of vegetables grown from Burpee's seeds and exhibited at the fair held last September at Bloomfield by the Agricultural Society of Davis County.

In Indiana.

JOHN HAWKINS, Lebanon, was awarded *First Premium* on display of vegetables at the fair held by the Boone County Agricultural Society August 15th-18th, 1905. The vegetables exhibited being the products of Burpee's seeds entitled him to the special Burpee Premium of \$5.00. This is the third time that Mr. Hawkins has won both the Society's and the Burpee Premium at this Fair. September 7, 1905, Mr. Hawkins writes:—"I received thirty premiums at the Boone County Fair,—both first and second on everything grown from Burpee's seeds. It is settled that they are the '*Best Seeds that Grow*' for farm or gardeners or for everybody. Buy Burpee's seeds and make no mistake. My premiums amounted to \$22.75."

W. F. TRACY, Rising Sun, has for six consecutive years made an exhibit of vegetables grown from Burpee's seeds at the annual fair held at East Enterprise (which is the representative County Fair of Switzerland and Ohio Counties), receiving in each instance the *Society's First Premium* for best and largest display as well as the Special Burpee Premium. When acknowledging receipt of our check for \$5.00 Mr. Tracy writes:—"Many thanks. I won thirty premiums at East Enterprise Fair and received \$16.75; nine premiums at Lawrenceburg Fair and received \$7.22, and your premium of \$5.00 makes a total of \$28.97 on the products of Burpee's seeds."

The Special Burpee Premium was duly announced in the Annual Premium List issued by the Lawrenceburg Fair Association (the representative County Fair of Dearborn County) and the secretary, August 12, 1905, writes:—"The exhibits were splendid and there was strong competition for this prize." The successful competitor was C. W. STALDER of Dillsboro, who also received the *Society's First Premium* on his display of vegetables grown from our seeds exclusively. Mr. Stalder also made an exhibit at the Ripley County Fair held at Osgood and received the *Society's First Premium* on same, which entitled him also to the Burpee Premium. When acknowledging receipt of our check October 17, 1905, he writes,—"I won \$30.00 on vegetables raised from your seed."

First Premium for the "Best Display of Vegetables" was awarded to C. A. MOORE, Jonesboro, at both the Grant County Fair, held at Fairmount, and the Delaware County Fair, held at Muncie, and as these exhibits were composed of the products of Burpee's seeds exclusively we awarded Mr. Moore two of the Special Burpee Premiums.

OLIVER TURNER, New Albany, made an exhibit of vegetables grown from Burpee's seeds at the Floyd County Fair held at New Albany and received the *Society's First Premium* on "Collection of Vegetables," which also entitled him to the Burpee Premium. When sending us certificate of award the secretary of this fair stated:—"He also made an exhibit of all vegetables single that were in his collection. I will here say that they were first-class. We had over four hundred entries and you will know that he had to have *good* to compete with so many."

At the fair held by the Fountain, Warren and Vermillion Agricultural Association at Covington last September, Miss ETTA GREGORY, of Covington, received the Association's First Premium on her exhibit of flowers grown from Burpee's seeds, and therefore received the Special Burpee Premium. Miss Gregory, September 18, 1905, writes:—"All the seeds I got from you grew beautifully. The African Marigold,—Lemon Ball,—was the admiration of all. All the plants I raised from your seeds bloomed lovely, especially petunias and verbenas."

JOHN D. WHITESIDES, Franklin, received *first premium* on collection of vegetables at the Johnson County Fair Association, and as this collection was grown from Burpee's seeds exclusively he was awarded the special Burpee premium. Mr. Whitesides writes, "won \$15.00 at the Johnson County Fair and \$22.00 at the Indiana State Fair, making a total of \$37.00 at the two fairs, where competition was very strong." This is the fourth year that Mr. Whitesides has received our special premium.

CHRIS. VOLLMER, Vincennes, received first prize at Knox County Agricultural and Mechanical Society for "Best Display of Vegetables" at the fair held in September at Vincennes. The vegetables exhibited being grown from Burpee's seeds Mr. Vollmer also received our special premium of \$5.00.

In Indiana.

"I have the pleasure to inform you that MRS. HULDA SALZMAN of Princeton has again won the Society's First Prize at the Gibson County Fair for the best collection of flowers, and as these were raised exclusively from Burpee's seeds she is entitled to the \$5.00 prize offered by your company," writes the secretary. "I have to inform you that our floral display this year was exceedingly good and of great merit and while the premiums were not large Mrs. Salzman succeeded in taking the greater number by far. She won about \$35.00." Mrs. Salzman writes that her dahlias and asters were especially fine and that she received a total amount of **\$10.00** in premiums.

B. F. WHALEY & Son, Shelbyville, write that they "took in premiums this year at INDIANA STATE FAIR and the Shelby County Fair \$85.00, all of which we attribute to the high merit and unvarying excellence of your seeds, which the founder of Whaley's Gardens has planted since his business was established and which he has found superior to any obtained from various other sources." Messrs. Whaley & Son made an exhibit of vegetables grown from Burpee's seeds at the Shelby County Fair held last September at Shelbyville and won the Society's first premium, also the Burpee Premium as offered at County Fairs. "Including the Burpee Premium the total amount of cash prizes received on the products of Burpee's seeds the past season was **\$90.00**."

In Kansas.

MRS. GEO. M. SCHURR, Hutchinson, writes:—"I received first premium for best collection of vegetables and enclose you herewith certificate from the Secretary." This award by the KANSAS STATE FAIR ASSOCIATION at the annual fair held at Hutchinson, September 18th to 23d, 1905, entitled Mrs. Schurr to the Burpee Premium of \$20.00 as offered at State Fairs. Mrs. Schurr writes, November 22, 1905:—"We tried the 'Howling Mob' Sweet Corn and consider it fine. It came on early and made nice large, sweet ears, but for sweetness the little *Golden Bantam* excels them all. I think I never tasted anything sweeter in sweet corn. We also tried Burpee's White Wax Bean and were very much pleased with it. The Extra Early Purple Top Milan Turnip is certainly the earliest and fastest growing turnip I ever saw. We also planted Petrouski and it was very popular with our customers. We gave Spark's Earliana and Chalk's Early Jewel Tomatoes a fair test, planting them side by side at the same time, and in our opinion found the Early Jewel so far ahead of the Earliana that we decided never to give Earliana field room again. It set more fruit earlier than the Jewel, but with us more than half the fruit rotted before ripening. I want to tell you about our peas. We planted one-half bushel 'Burpee's Best' Extra Early the first of March and on the twelfth of May picked one hundred quarts and sold them at 10 cts. per quart and continued to sell them at that for two weeks. We were just about that much ahead of the other gardeners. The New Prolific Extra Early is a dandy, but is about a week behind Burpee's Best Extra Early."

ROLAND CROFT, Severy, received the highest county award for best display of vegetables at the fair held in August at Eureka by the Greenwood County Fair Association. The vegetables displayed being grown from Burpee's seeds, he also received the Special Burpee Premium of \$5.00. October 7, 1905, Mr. Croft writes:—"Yours of September 28th containing check for \$5.00 was received October 6th. Thank you for same." Total amount received by Mr. Croft in premiums on the products of Burpee's seeds was about **\$11.00**.

GEORGE F. ODOR, Iola, October 3, 1905, writes:—"I was awarded first premium for the best display of vegetables which were grown from seed purchased from you." Mr. Odor received both the Society's First Premium and the Burpee Premium on this display at the Allen County Fair held at Iola last fall. Mr. Odor, November 6th, writes:—"The total amount of cash premiums awarded to me on the products of Burpee's seeds this season is **\$10.50**."

At the annual fair held by the Rice County Agricultural Fair and Live Stock Association at Sterling last September Mrs. A. M. McCANDLESS, Sterling, made an exhibit of vegetables grown from Burpee's seeds and received the Society's first premium on same, which entitled her also to the Burpee Premium. Mrs. McCandleess writes:—"I took several other first premiums on the products of your seeds, amounting to **\$10.00**."

In Kentucky.

At the KENTUCKY STATE FAIR held at Lexington September 18-23, 1905, EDWARD A. NEFF, Shelbyville, won first premium on general collection of vegetables and sweepstakes on the products of Burpee's seeds, besides six other first and one second premiums. Mr. Neff writes,—"I took big chances at the State Fair, but with Burpee's seeds and a good man behind them I could not help but win." A clipping from one of the Kentucky papers sent us by Mr. Neff in commenting on his display at the Kentucky State Fair says,—"He swept everything in his class." Mr. Neff also received First Premium on General Collection of Vegetables as offered by the Shelby County Fair Society, which held its annual fair in Shelbyville last August. This collection of vegetables was also grown exclusively from Burpee's seeds. The Shelbyville News, August 24, 1905, published the following:—"Probably the most interesting display in Floral Hall at the present session of the Shelby Fair is the showing of vegetables made by E. A. Neff. Fifty-seven varieties are displayed in an attractive manner and nearly every variety is of a prize-winning quality. The vegetables were all grown from seeds purchased from W. ATLEE BURPEE & Co. of Philadelphia, Pa., and are a splendid recommendation of this firm's product." Another local paper published the following:—"In garden produce E. A. Neff won in general display and sweepstakes and first on cantaloupes, radishes and sweet corn. All of the premium produce was raised from seed bought of W. ATLEE BURPEE & Co. of Philadelphia." Mr. Neff writes this is the third year he has won first premium on Hackensack Musk Melon, grown from seed purchased from us. He also states:—"One party showed your watermelon for best table variety (*Kleckley Sweets*). He won both premiums and you can make note of the fact I let it be known where the seed came from. I have won in all this year **\$97.50**."

"I again have the honor of receiving first premium at Hardin County Fair on Best Display of Vegetables grown from Burpee's seeds," writes Mrs. E. M. McCARTY of Elizabethtown. "I cannot speak too highly of the quality of the vegetables grown this year, but must especially recommend your *Cosmopolitan Sweet Corn*, which produced ears rivaling in size the best Field Corn. The yield was simply immense and the ears elicited much praise from all who saw them. Those magnificent *Chinese Giant Peppers* were fine, also *Velvet Okra*, one stalk containing thirty or more pods. The ex-secretary of the fair was present and remarked, 'Did you ever see such seed to grow as Burpee sends out,—both flowers and vegetables!' I tried them this year for myself and neighbor and will use no other after this!" Mrs. McCarty's display of vegetables also received the Society's First Premium.

At the annual fair held by the South Kentucky Fair Association the Burpee Premium for best and largest collection of vegetables was awarded to NEAL LEWIS of Glasgow.

"The very best seed in the world," writes MRS. BERN POPE of Salt River when advising us of her success the past season. Mrs. Pope has again won our special premium on her exhibit of vegetables at the fair held at Shepherdsville by the Bullitt County Fair Association and advises us that the total amount of premiums won this season on the products of Burpee's seeds exclusively was **\$20.50**. Her exhibit also won the Society's First Premium for best display of vegetables, taking also first premiums on parsnips, beets, radishes and egg plants.

The exhibit of vegetables winning the Special Burpee Premium as offered at the Nelson County Fair was that made by W. L. NALL, Bardstown. This exhibit of vegetables grown from Burpee's seeds also won the Association's First Prize for "Best display of vegetables." This makes the fifth year that Mr. Nall has received our special premium.

J. P. LIGHTFOOT, Livia, was awarded the special Burpee Premium on his display of vegetables grown from Burpee's seeds and exhibited at the Hopkins County Fair held last August at Madisonville. Total amount of premiums was **\$9.50**.

The Burpee Premium as offered at the Laurel County Fair held at London last August was awarded to MRS. MOLLIE McDANIEL of London. Mrs. McDaniel writes:—"I raised the best of everything in Laurel County from your seeds. The largest beets (*Mammoth Prize Long Red Mangold*) ever grown in Laurel County, weighing from 17 to 18 lbs. each."

In Maine.

"At the EASTERN MAINE STATE FAIR held in Bangor the last week in August, 1905, I was awarded the first premium on vegetables grown from Burpee's seeds," writes O. M. BICKFORD of Bangor, under date of September 18, 1905. This collection of vegetables also won for Mr. Bickford the regular first premium offered by the Society for the best and largest display of vegetables. When acknowledging receipt of our check for \$20.00 in payment of the Burpee Premium Mr. Bickford states:—"The seed I get of you are first-class and are as cheap as I can get good seeds anywhere, so what I get in premiums seems like a present. The total amount of premiums I received was \$65.75."

MRS. W. W. STOVER, South Paris, made an exhibit of flowers grown from Burpee's seeds at the fair held by the Oxford County Agricultural Society at South Paris last fall and received the Society's first premium on same, and was, therefore, entitled also to the Burpee Premium. Mrs. Stover wrote:—"I had had flowers at Franklin County Fair several years raised from your seeds and always received first premium, which proves your seeds are the best."

The products of Burpee's seeds won for MRS. H. IVA JEWETT, Whitefield, on her display of flowers at Lincoln County Agricultural and Horticultural Society's fair held last October at Damariscotta, the Society's First Premium, and we therefore awarded her the Burpee Premium.

Mrs. Jewett writes:—"I also won first premium on a floral design made from your Verbenas. . . Your Ten Weeks Stocks are also fine."

RAYMOND H. SMITH, Farmington, received first premium as offered by the Franklin County Agricultural Society for "Best Display of Farm Products by a boy under 18 years of age," amount of said premium being \$4.00. This display being grown entirely from Burpee's seeds we awarded him also our special premium of \$5.00 as offered at County Fairs.

At the annual fair held by the Waldo and Penobscot Agricultural Society last September at Monroe we awarded J. J. BAKER, Hampden Corners, a special premium of \$5.00 on his display of vegetables grown from Burpee's seeds.

B. M. PATTEN, Topsham, received first premium on his display of vegetables as offered by the Sagadahoc Agricultural and Horticultural Society at the Society's fair held in October at Topsham. These vegetables being grown from Burpee's seeds entitled Mr. Patten to our special premium of \$5.00. Mr. Patten writes:—"Won first premium for best sample of oats grown from seed purchased of you last spring, against six competitors. Our premiums on products grown from Burpee's seeds amounts to \$35.00."

We paid a special premium of \$2.00 to MRS. SARAH I. BUZZELL, Monroe, on her exhibit of flowers (grown from Burpee's seeds) at the Waldo and Penobscot Agricultural Society's Fair last fall. Mrs. Buzzell writes:—"The asters and dahlias were particularly beautiful and the phlox, dianthus, pansies and stocks were as lovely as a dream. I received \$5.65 in premiums on the products of Burpee's seeds."

In Maryland.

For the best exhibit of vegetables at The Great Hagerstown Fair (which represents Washington County) J. W. VAN OSTRAND, JR., Bardonia, N. Y., received the Society's First Premium of \$50.00 and the "Burpee Premium" of \$5.00. Mr. Van Ostrand states that the total amount of cash premiums won by him the past season on the products of Burpee's seeds was \$694.10. (For other premiums see New York list on page 46.)

MRS. MARY R. THOMPSON, Longwoods, won the Burpee Premiums as offered at the Talbot County Fair, which was held last September at Easton, on her display of vegetables grown exclusively from Burpee's seeds.

In Massachusetts.

The first prize of \$25.00 for best collection of flowers was awarded to MISS LYDIA T. CHANDLER, Marshfield, by the Marshfield Agricultural and Horticultural Society on her display of flowers grown from Burpee's seeds. We therefore awarded Miss Chandler our special premium of \$5.00. This made the total amount awarded on this collection \$30.00.

In Minnesota.

The judges of the vegetable exhibits at the MINNESOTA STATE FAIR awarded the Society's First Premium for best and largest display to CHARLES KRAUSE, Merriam Park, St. Paul, on his collection of vegetables grown from Burpee's seeds, and we therefore paid Mr. Krause our premium of \$20.00 as offered at State Fairs. Mr. Krause, October 23, 1905, writes:—"My premiums amounted to \$165.00 this year. I was well pleased with Burpee's seeds, as always. Your seeds are always the best and purest that can be had. I will always buy your seeds." Mr. Krause has won the first premium at the MINNESOTA STATE FAIR on the products of Burpee's seeds for four years.

MRS. W. L. MOORE, Little Sauk, received first premium on her display of vegetables as offered by the Todd County Agricultural Society at the annual fair held at Long Prairie in September. The vegetables being raised from Burpee's seeds, we paid Mrs. Moore our premium of \$5.00.

H. B. CHASE, Farmington, at the Fortieth Annual Fair of the Dakota County Agricultural Society, held at Farmington, September 20, 21 and 22, 1905, made an exhibit of a collection of vegetables and received the award of First Premium on same from the judges. As this collection was grown from Burpee's seeds, Mr. Chase was entitled to our premium of \$5.00 as offered at County Fairs. Mr. Chase writes us, October 4, 1905:—"Those Chalk's Early Jewel Tomatoes are jewels sure. They took first prize from fourteen entries in competition. Your Canada Field Corn is extra fine this year."

MATTHEW FOWLD, Arco, was awarded the Burpee Premium on his display of vegetables grown from Burpee's seeds and exhibited at the Lincoln County Fair held last September at Tyler.

A. C. CARPENTER, Hutchinson, has again won the first premium of \$5.00 as offered by the McLeod County Agricultural Society for best display of vegetables. These vegetables being grown from Burpee's seeds entitles Mr. Carpenter to the Burpee Premium of \$5.00. In premiums on separate entries Mr. Carpenter received \$17.75, making the total amount of cash received the past season on the products of our seeds \$27.75.

At the Washington County Agricultural Society's Fair held at Stillwater last September CHAS. E. KEMP, Langdon, made the best display of vegetables, and as these vegetables were grown from Burpee's seeds we awarded him our premium of \$5.00 as offered at County Fairs.

For best display of garden products raised from Burpee's seeds and exhibited at the fair held last September by the Wright County Agricultural Society, J. W. BECKMAN, Cokato, was awarded the Burpee Premium. Mr. Beckman writes:—"I won first prize and a special prize for best display of cut flowers raised from your seeds, and next fall will make a large effort to double our premiums at the fairs, for when we buy your seeds and put them in rich ground we are sure of fine vegetables for exhibition purposes. Our total winnings this fall were \$38.60 on the products of your seeds."

WILLIAM G. DEACON, St. Vincent, was awarded the Burpee Premium for best collection of vegetables (grown from Burpee's seeds exclusively) on his display at the fair held in October at St. Vincent by the St. Vincent Union Industrial Association. Mr. Deacon, October 27, 1905, writes:—"I took nine first and eleven second prizes. I have purchased my seeds a great many years from your firm and was never disappointed in results."

"I won the First Prize at our County Fair on largest and best display of vegetables. I also took twenty first and six second on vegetables, the product of seeds purchased from you, as I bought no other seeds last spring." This is what GEORGE JAY, of Rushmore, wrote us when sending certificate of award from the Secretary of Nobles County Fair. Having won the Society's first premium on his exhibit grown from our seeds, he was entitled also to our premium of \$5.00. Mr. Jay states his total winnings with the products of our seeds was \$22.50.

D. T. WHEATON, Morris, was the successful competitor again this year for the Burpee Premium at the fair held in September at Morris by the Stevens County Agricultural Society.

In Michigan.

The State of Michigan has two recognized State Fairs, known as the MICHIGAN STATE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY and the WEST MICHIGAN STATE FAIR. The West Michigan State Fair was held at Grand Rapids, September 18th to 22d, and the successful competitor for the Burpee Premium was Miss U. M. STEVENS, Berlin, who won the *Society's First Premium* on her display of vegetables grown from Burpee's seeds. Miss Stevens also won our special premium on her display of vegetables at the fair held by the Ottawa and West Kent Agricultural Society at Berlin, September 26th to 29th, making the total amount paid her by us in premiums this year \$25.00. Under date of October 13, 1905, Miss Stevens writes:—"In regard to the amount I won at the three fairs would say at the Michigan State Fair held at Detroit, September 11th to 16th, I took second money on collection of vegetables (\$20.00) and \$40.00 on another collection. Then I took second money on *Houling Mob Sweet Corn*, but it was beaten by Burpee's *Golden Bantam Sweet Corn*, which captured the first premium. It also won first at Berlin Fair. Among the vegetables taking first premiums were spinach, Swiss Chard, citrons, winter radishes, largest head of sunflower and collection of squashes. These are a few of the many second premiums received,—Kohlrabi, parsley, Mammoth Squash (it weighed 70 lbs.) and on collection of cucumbers. I had a number of squashes and Mammoth Pumpkins that weighed from 25 lbs. to 70 lbs. each. To give you an idea I shipped two tons of vegetables to Detroit. In all, I won at the MICHIGAN STATE FAIR \$96.50 on vegetables grown from your seeds. At the West Michigan State Fair some of the single entries on which I won first premium were citrons, winter squashes, collection of squashes, Mammoth Squash, turnip beets, *Golden Bantam Sweet Corn* and cucumbers. Also second premium on cucumbers, pie pumpkins and carrots. In all, we won at the WEST MICHIGAN STATE FAIR \$65.75 on vegetables grown from your seeds. At the Ottawa and West Kent County Fair took Society's first money on collection of vegetables, also your special premium of \$5.00, besides first on Red Onions, White Onions, citrons, Winnigstadt Cabbage, Crookneck Squash, Fordhook Squash, sunflowers and sweet corn. Also on Rice Pop Corn, Silver Lace and Yellow Pop Corn, besides many second premiums. In all, we won at the Berlin Fair \$25.25." The total amount received by Miss Stevens in premiums on the products of Burpee's seeds the past season was \$212.50.

The Michigan State Agricultural Society held its annual fair at Detroit, September 11 to 16, 1905, and the successful competitor for the Burpee Premium as offered at this fair was GEORGE W. PRESCOTT, Grand Rapids. Mr. Prescott sent us a very nice photograph of his exhibit and wrote that he "never had a better show of onions, tomatoes, corn, melons, etc." When acknowledging our check for \$20.00 he states that he received \$52.00 in premiums on the products of Burpee's seeds at the Michigan State Fair and \$65.50 at the West Michigan State Fair, making the total amount of cash premiums received on the products of Burpee's seeds exclusively \$137.50.

At the Genesee County Agricultural Society's Fair (which is now called the Northeastern Industrial Fair), held at Flint in September last, L. T. CURTIS, Flint, was awarded the Burpee Premium on his collection of vegetables. When acknowledging our check for \$5.00 in payment of this premium Mr. Curtis sent following statement:—

Special exhibit of vegetables grown from Burpee's seeds at Flint, . . .	\$5.00
Other premiums at Flint,	8.00
At Detroit, Michigan State Fair,	22.00
Total,	\$83.00

At a Flower Growing Contest held under the auspices of Washenaw Pomona Grange we offered a special prize of \$3.00 to the person producing the finest blooms. MRS. GEORGE RUSSELL of Willis, was the successful competitor, who won the premium on her display of asters, which she writes us "were very large and double, resembling chrysanthemums, and were much admired by all."

WILLIAM SMITH, Midland, received *First Premium* as offered by the Midland County Agricultural Society at the annual fair of this Society held last September at Midland on his display of vegetables grown from Burpee's seeds. He also won the Burpee Premium as offered at this fair.

In Michigan.

"We took first for the largest and best general collection of vegetables by a market gardener," writes JOSEPH LAURA, Bay City. "Also first for celery, cauliflower, Chantenay Carrots, cabbage, red cabbage; first for best half-bushel of tomatoes and best bunch of parsnips, also best bunch of table beets; second on best six Hubbard Squash and on egg plants; first for best six Pie Pumpkins and sold nearly every bit of three large wagon-loads. Everyone said they never saw a finer display,—not even at the State Fairs." Mr. Laura also received the Burpee Premium of \$5.00 on this display of vegetables.

At the Lenawee County Fair held at Adrian last fall WILLIAM H. BROWN, Jasper, received the Society's first premium of \$25.00 on his display of vegetables grown from Burpee's seeds, and was, therefore, entitled to the Burpee Premium of \$5.00 as offered at County Fairs. Besides this premium on general collection of vegetables Mr. Brown also received first premiums on beets, cauliflower, cabbage, carrots, endive, kale, Fordhook Squash, Matchless Tomato, Chalk's Early Jewel Tomato, Dwarf Stone Tomato, winter radishes and Chinese Giant Pepper. Second on Ponderosa Tomato and first on pinks and verbenas, all grown from Burpee's seeds, making a total amount of \$39.25. He also received several premiums on Sherwood fowls hatched from eggs purchased from us last spring.

"I had the pleasure of winning your \$5.00 Premium at the Oceana County Fair, which was held at Hart, Mich., September 26 to 29, 1905, on best and largest exhibit of vegetables, and they were grown from your seeds. We had fine results last season and hope to have better next." The above is an extract from a letter received from C. A. PRATT, Hart, Mich., when sending us certificate of award from the secretary of the fair. Mr. Pratt also received the *Society's First Premium* on this exhibit of vegetables grown from Burpee's seeds.

In Montana.

The MONTANA STATE FAIR for 1905 was held at Helena, October 2d to 7th inclusive, and the successful competitor for the Burpee Premium offered at this fair was W. V. TALBOT, of Riceville, who has won this premium for several years past on his exhibits of vegetables grown from Burpee's seeds exclusively. In addition to the Burpee Premium Mr. Talbot was awarded first premium on Pickling Cucumbers, Sugar Beets, etc. Of his Sugar Beet Mr. Talbot writes:—"I was awarded first premium for best Sugar Beets which analyzed 19% sugar and 93% purity co-efficient, which places the *Burpee Wanzleben* in the front rank of the world as a sugar producer." A clipping from the "Rocky Mountain Husbandman" states,—"W. V. Talbot, of Cascade County, won first prize on highest test in saccharine matter." Mr. Talbot states that at the Cascade County Fair he "was awarded first prize on Gold Corn Potatoes for the best potato on exhibition, and won the same on *Houling Mob* Sweet Corn. First for Sugar Beets, best exhibit of beets, best exhibit of onions, best exhibit of root crops; second for exhibit of vegetables, first on *Yellow Globe Mangels, Broom Corn*; second on *Red Mangels* and numerous others." Mr. Talbot's daughter, Miss Lettie Talbot, received first premium at the Cascade County Fair on collection of flowers grown from Burpee's seeds, "and everybody went wild over the *Countess Spencer Sweet Peas*." * * * "My total winnings at State and County Fairs was \$238.50."

W. E. SPRAGUE, Joliet, was awarded First Prize by the Carbon County Fair Association on his display of vegetables grown from Burpee's seeds at the Association's Fair held last September at Red Lodge, Montana, and therefore was entitled also to the Burpee Premium of \$5.00 as offered at County Fairs.

In New Mexico.

The Roswell Fair Association being a corporation chartered by the Territory of New Mexico, we have decided to class it among County Fairs, and therefore have paid the Burpee Premium of \$5.00 to Mrs. J. J. BECK, Roswell, on her exhibit of garden products (raised from Burpee's seeds) at the Association's Fair held last October at Roswell.

In Missouri.

At the MISSOURI STATE FAIR held at Sedalia, August 21 to 26, 1905, MESSRS. SHEPARD & CROSS, Lamonte, were awarded the Society's First Premium on best collection of farm and garden products, grown from Burpee's seeds, which entitled them to our premium of \$20.00 as offered at State Fairs. Messrs. Shephard & Cross write:—"We heard a good many say that we had the *best display they ever saw*. We had a fine display of pumpkins and squash." Total amount of winnings on products of Burpee's seeds was about \$35.00.

MRS. LUCY HIGGINS, Belton, who the Secretary of the New Belton Fair Association (the representative fair of Cass County) states "is quite an enthusiastic admirer of Burpee's seeds," was awarded the Burpee Premium for the best collection of vegetables grown from Burpee's seeds, at the fair held by the Association in September at Belton.

"I had an exhibition forty-one varieties grown from your seeds and I heard a number of people say that it was as fine a lot of vegetables as they ever saw," is what T. J. HARRIS, Trenton, writes us when sending certificate of award from the Secretary of the Grundy County Fair Association. This Association held its annual fair at Trenton last September and Mr. Harris won both the Association's and the Burpee Premium on his exhibit of vegetables.

At Linn County Fair, held at Brookfield and locally known as The Brookfield Fair, FELIX P. ALLISON, Brookfield, won the Society's First Premium for best display of vegetables. Having won the Society's first premium on this exhibit grown from our seeds, Mr. Allison was also entitled to the Burpee Premium. Mr. Allison received a total of \$21.50 at Brookfield Fair in premiums on the products of Burpee's seeds.

MRS. BETTIE DRAFFEN, Bunceton, was awarded the Burpee Premium as offered at the Bunceton Fair (which is the representative fair of Cooper County) last fall for best and largest display of vegetables grown from Burpee's seeds exclusively. In addition to this premium of \$5.00 Mrs. Draffen won premiums on separate entries to the amount of \$6.50, making a total of \$11.50 received in premiums on the products of Burpee's seeds the past season.

For the "Best Display of Garden Products" at the Thirty-Ninth Annual Fair of the Moniteau County Agricultural and Mechanical Society, held September 5 to 8, 1905, F. E. EBERHARDT, McGirk, was awarded the Society's First Premium on product of Burpee's seeds, which entitled him therefore to the Burpee Premium of \$5.00 as offered at County Fairs. "Total amount of cash premiums taken on vegetables from Burpee's seeds is \$19.00."

J. M. STRAHIN, Bowling Green, entered in the contest for the "Best Display of Garden Products grown from Burpee's Seeds Exclusively" and won first premium on same at the Pike County Fair held last fall at Bowling Green. Mr. Strahin writes, September 29, 1905:—"Was winner also on largest pumpkin grown from your seed of the Mammoth or Jumbo variety. I received \$10.00 in premiums on vegetables grown from Burpee's seeds the past season."

In North Dakota.

DUNCAN SINCLAIR, Hamilton, has been the successful competitor for the Burpee Premium for several years past at the fair held by the Pembina County Fair and Exhibition Association at Hamilton, and has been just as successful again this past season, having been awarded the Society's First Premium on his display of vegetables grown from Burpee's seeds. Mr. Sinclair writes that owing to the early date of this fair (which was held in July) the exhibit was not as large as usual, but states,—"Your best ad. was my garden later, which was near the road. Onions, tomatoes, and cucumbers did well. My Yellow Danvers Onion excelled."

In Oklahoma.

The Blackwell Inter-State Fair Association, held at Blackwell, corresponds to regular State Fairs as held in the different States, and we therefore authorized the Secretary of this Association to publish our special premium of \$20.00 for the best display of vegetables grown from Burpee's seeds exclusively in the Premium List published for 1905. The successful competitor for this prize was W. H. GOODIER, Blackwell.

In New Hampshire.

"I was again successful in winning the First Prize on collection of vegetables. *Burpee's seeds are surely winners every time*. My total winnings at the NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE FAIR were \$90.00. I feel justly pleased at my success at the STATE FAIR. Burpee's seeds have proved all that was necessary to win first premium over all other competitors." This is an extract from a letter from CHARLES A. EVANS, Claremont, in reference to his exhibit at the NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE FAIR, which was held at Concord last September and at which he was awarded the Society's First Premium for best and largest display of vegetables. These vegetables being the products of Burpee's seeds exclusively, Mr. Evans received also our premium of \$20.00.

Having won the Society's First Premium for best general exhibit of vegetables (said vegetables being grown exclusively from Burpee's seeds) at The Coos and Essex Agricultural Society's Fair held last September at Lancaster, HARTFORD BROS., Lancaster, received the Burpee Premium also. (This fair represents Coos County, N. H., and Essex County, Vt.) They received first premiums to the amount of \$7.00 and second premiums to the amount of \$2.00 in addition to the Burpee Premium of \$5.00, making the total amount of cash premiums received the past season on the products of Burpee's seeds \$14.00. MESSRS. Hartford Bros., December 6, 1905, write:—"The seeds that we received from you last spring were first-class. They came up well and grew well. What more could we ask for?"

JAMES DURWARD, Claremont, won first premium offered by the Sullivan County Fair Association for best exhibit of vegetables. These vegetables being grown from Burpee's seeds, Mr. Durward received our premium as offered at County Fairs.

In North Carolina.

MESSRS. WARDIN BROS., Charlotte, were awarded the Burpee Premium as offered at the Mecklenburg County Fair, which held its annual fair last October at Charlotte. They write that they "only exhibited at this one fair this season, but won in special and regular premiums on vegetables grown from Burpee's 'Seeds that Grow' in cash \$38.50.

In South Carolina.

W. P. COUNTS, Slighs, won both the Society's First Premium and the Burpee Premium at the SOUTH CAROLINA STATE FAIR on his exhibit of vegetables grown from Burpee's seeds. This fair was held at Columbia, S. C., October 24 to 27, 1905.

In Tennessee.

MRS. BETTIE EASTES, Lebanon, was awarded the Burpee Premium of \$5.00 on her collection of vegetables exhibited at the Thirty-third Annual Exhibition of the DeKalb County Fair Association held September 7, 8, and 9, 1905, at Alexandria, Tenn.

W. A. BAKER, Trenton, received the Blue Ribbon for the best collection of vegetables, all grown from Burpee's seeds, as offered by the Gibson County Fair Association at the annual fair held last fall at Trenton. This award entitled him to receive the special Burpee Premium of \$5.00 as offered at County Fairs. The secretary of the fair stated, "He received a greater number of premiums and exhibited more vegetables than any other exhibitor in the Vegetable Department." Mr. Baker writes:—"Besides your premium of \$5.00 I also received six premiums of \$1.00 each, bringing the total amount up to \$11.00, all from the products of Burpee's seeds exclusively."

In Utah.

EPHRIAM BRIGGS, Bountiful, made a fine display of vegetables grown from Burpee's seeds at the UTAH STATE FAIR held at Salt Lake City last October and won sweepstakes on this collection as well as the Burpee Premium of \$20.00. Mr. Briggs sent us a large photograph of the exhibit and wrote:—"I took 48 premiums out of 52 entries; 31 first and 17 second prizes besides sweepstakes. I enclose newspaper clipping so that you can see what the numbers represent. These premiums were all taken on vegetables grown from Burpee's seeds. I had seven strong competitors, so you see I did pretty well." Total amount of premiums received by Mr. Briggs the past season on the products of Burpee's seeds was \$140.00.

In Ohio.

"Enclosed please find certificate from the Montgomery County Fair Board certifying that I received the Society's first premium on cut flowers raised from Burpee's seeds," writes Mrs. MAUDE H. SACKETT, Waynesville, September 22, 1905. Having won the Society's First Premium on her display of flowers grown exclusively from Burpee's seeds Mrs. Sackett was, of course, entitled to our special premium of \$5.00. Mrs. Sackett, October 21, 1905, writes:—"I won \$18.50 in cash premiums this year including your premium. I attended only one fair and made ten entries and won nine first premiums and one second, all raised from Burpee's seeds. As long as I raise flowers I will plant Burpee's seeds. I have been planting Burpee's seeds for six years and am well satisfied with the results. I had sharp competition this year at the fair on cut flowers, but got more first premiums than any of the other competitors." This fair was held at Dayton, Ohio, September 4 to 8, 1905.

JAMES L. DEAL, Pharisburg, made an exhibit of the products of Burpee's seeds at Union County Fair held at Marysville, September 12 to 15, 1905, and writes: "Won first and second on everything I showed." He, of course, received the Burpee Premium on his collection of vegetables, having won First Premium on same as offered by the Society. In a letter dated October 30, 1905, Mr. Deal states:—"I would advise every one to buy seeds of Burpee. The judge said that it was the best exhibit that he ever saw. At two County Fairs I won \$135.50."

"MRS. L. E. JOINER, Jefferson, was the winner of the First Premium on the best exhibition of garden vegetables at the Ashtabula County Agricultural Society's Fair held at Jefferson, August 22, 23, and 24, 1905," reads the certificate of award sent us by the secretary, and we therefore paid to Mrs. Joiner our special prize of \$5.00.

The First Premium offered by the Coshocton County Agricultural Society was awarded to B. F. Stover, Roscoe, for the best display of farm and garden products. As Mr. Stover won the Society's first premium on collection of vegetables grown from Burpee's seeds this entitled him to the Burpee Premium of \$5.00 as offered at County Fairs. We quote the following extracts from letters received at different times this fall. "I had competition from Licking County and from Wooster Experiment Station, also from Muskingum County. Exhibitors from several counties come to Coshocton Fair to show their stuff and I practically have to show against the State. I have sold over 3000 *Danish Ballhead Cabbages* in the last two weeks besides a large amount of *Chinese Giant Peppers* and *Cauliflowers*, *White Egg Turnips*, *Chinese Winter Radishes* that weigh as high as 5 lbs. apiece, crisp and tender.

* * * With many thanks I hereby acknowledge receipt of check for \$5.00 and give the following report of my premiums for the year of 1905. At Coshocton County Agricultural Society's Fair held at Coshocton last October I won the Society's prize of \$25.00 on farm and garden products grown from Burpee's seeds. Also first prize on display of pumpkins and squashes of \$20.00. First prize of \$5.00 on display of beans; second prize of \$3.00 on display of cabbage; first prize of \$5.00 on display of corn. The corn was arranged in design. We had a great number of varieties and many ears were very long. This display attracted more attention than any other, and many passers-by were heard to say that they had never seen better at any other fair, either State or County. *Houlting Mob Sweet Corn* was arranged in letters and in pyramid and I could have sold the entire exhibit for seed purposes for a good price.

* * * Other first premiums of single entries on flowers and other vegetables amounted to \$24.70, making a total of \$82.70 in premiums at this fair. I sent some grains to the Ohio State Fair and was awarded premiums to the amount of \$9.50. These with the \$5.00 received from you as prize to winner of first premium at County Fairs swell my premiums for 1905 to the sum of \$97.20. Competition was sharp, but we won by having used Burpee's seeds."

C. S. RICE, Spencer, exhibited collections of vegetables grown from Burpee's seeds at both the Wayne County Fair held at Wooster, September 26 to 28, 1905, and at Summit County Fair held at Akron last fall. At the Wayne County Fair he was awarded the Society's First Premium on his exhibit (which entitled him also to the Burpee Premium) and at the Summit County Fair he entered for and won the Burpee Premium.

In Pennsylvania.

"MRS. S. PRESTON KUNTZ, Treichlers, was awarded First Prize for the best and largest display of vegetables at the fair of the PENNSYLVANIA STATE FAIR ASSOCIATION, held September 5 to 8, 1905." This is what the secretary of the Pennsylvania State Fair, held at Bethlehem, states in regard to the exhibit made by Mrs. Kuntz at this fair. The secretary of the GREAT ALLENTOWN FAIR (representing Lehigh County) writes us as follows:—"This is to certify that Mrs. S. KUNTZ, of Treichlers, Pa., had the best display of garden vegetables at our fair." Having won the Society's regular First Premium at both of these fairs Mrs. Kuntz also received the Burpee Premiums as offered at State and County Fairs, as the vegetables exhibited were all grown from Burpee's seeds exclusively. Mrs. Kuntz sent us a fine photograph of her exhibit at the Allentown Fair, which exhibit "was photographed three times by parties from Reading, New York, and Allentown. There were thirteen displays and mine was the only one that the camera looked at. The picture only gives you some idea of it, as the beauty of the colors is not seen. * * * The total amount of premiums awarded me on the products of your seeds is \$38.00. I won first prize in the 'American Agriculturist' Garden Contest last spring. The circulation of the 'American Agriculturist' is 210,000, with as many more readers. People took part in this contest from many different States, but the Keystone won." Mrs. Kuntz has been the successful competitor for the Burpee Premium at both Bethlehem and Allentown for several years, each time taking the Society's First Premium on her exhibits grown from Burpee's seeds.

At the fair held by the Troy Agricultural Society (representing Bradford County) Mrs. W. H. BRADFORD, Troy, was awarded the Burpee Premium as published in the Premium List issued by the Society for 1905. Mrs. Bradford wrote, October 9, 1905, that she "won forty prizes at Troy Agricultural Society Fair held at Troy, Pa., and twenty-two prizes at the Tioga County Fair held at Mansfield. In all sixty-two prizes." These prizes were all won on vegetables and amount to \$52.00. Also won the largest number of prizes of any one exhibitor on vegetables grown from Burpee's seeds at Mansfield Fair." The secretary of this fair wrote, October 19, 1905:—"Regarding vegetables would say that Mrs. Bradford had an unusually fine display of these. She had three entire tables filled with vegetables grown from your seeds and well worthy of the reward, the exhibit being very extensive and the quality of the goods being of the best. She took first in almost every article that came into competition with other goods and, of course, first where in many places there was no competition at all."

THE TROY HIGH SCHOOL also exhibited a collection of vegetables and flowers grown entirely from Burpee's seeds in competition for the Burpee Premium and the competition between this exhibit and that of Mrs. Bradford mentioned above was so close that the judge recommended that we award both competitors a premium this year. Regarding this School Exhibit the secretary wrote:—"It was so large that we set apart a special portion of the Art Building for it alone by itself, it being in the center of the building and built up around the fountain. It consisted of vegetables and flowers, a large quantity of each. The judge told me the School Exhibit was 'one of the best he had ever been called upon to judge of the kind.'" The Principal of Troy High School writes,—"We are convinced that 'Burpee's Seeds Grow.'" Under the above circumstances we decided to award a special premium of \$5.00 to the Troy High School on their exhibit.

October 23, 1905, the Secretary of The Dallas Union Agricultural Association, which held its annual fair at Dallas, October 3 to 6, 1905, wrote:—"Your special prize of \$5.00 to the exhibitor showing the best display of vegetables grown from your seeds was awarded again to MRS. GEORGE WAGNER, of Huntsville, Pa." This is the sixth consecutive year that the Burpee Premium has been awarded to Mrs. Wagner.

The cash prize of \$5.00 offered by us was awarded to S. MARTIN, Westfield, for "Best Display of Vegetables grown from Burpee's seeds" at the Fair held by the Cowanesque Valley Agricultural Society at Westfield, Pa., last September.

In Pennsylvania.

MISS PAULINA H. HOLL, Butler, took the Society's First Premium at the Butler County Fair held at Butler, Pa., last fall for the best display of vegetables. This also entitled her to the Burpee Premium of \$5.00. November 15, 1905, Miss Holl writes:—"I also took premiums on eighteen special varieties, such as cucumbers, squash, beans, tomatoes, etc., etc." Miss Holl won a total amount of \$18.50 in premiums on the products of Burpee's seeds.

"My flowers were a perfect success and every entry I made took first premium. I also had some fine vegetables on exhibition," writes MRS. JAMES B. BELL, Mercer, when advising us of her success in winning the Burpee Premium on her display of flowers grown entirely from Burpee's seeds at the Mercer Central Agricultural Association's Fair held at Mercer last September. She writes us further:—"I must speak of the Chinese Giant Peppers in particular. They were of enormous size and a beautiful glossy color. Every one admired them. After the fair was over and I was ready to take things home there was such a demand for my flowers that I gave them away gladly and told every one where they could get the 'Seeds that Grow.'"

Bradford County has two recognized County Fairs, each receiving an appropriation from the County Commissioners. The fair held at Towanda is known as the Bradford County Fair and at the Society's Annual Fair last September, Mrs. L. M. MATHEWS won the Burpee Premium on her display of vegetables grown from Burpee's seeds. She also received first premium on her display of flowers grown from Burpee's seeds. Mrs. Mathews writes that she also took premiums on "cauliflower, lima beans, sweet corn, asters, dianthus, gladiolus, carnations, verbena, zinnias, floral design, and others all raised from your seeds, amounting in all to \$17.50."

In Vermont.

JOHN F. SMITH, Rutland (Farm Superintendent of the Vermont House of Correction), was awarded the Burpee Premium on his collection of vegetables grown from Burpee's seeds at the Rutland County Fair, which held its Sixtieth Annual Fair at Rutland, September 12, 13 and 14, 1905. The secretary advised us that "His exhibit was a notable one, surpassing even his efforts of former years." Mr. Smith writes,—"All the vegetables grown on our farm this year were from Burpee's seeds and proved satisfactory."

"It is with pleasure and no small amount of satisfaction that I can report you my success with Burpee's seeds this year as the most prolific season since I commenced gardening for market." This is an extract from a letter received from A. R. WAKEMAN, Barton, when sending us report of premium won at Orleans County Fair, held at Barton last September, on collection of vegetables grown from our seeds exclusively, and which won the Society's First Premium. He also states that Mrs. Wakeman won First Prize on her collection of flowers grown from Burpee's seeds. When acknowledging receipt of our check for \$5.00 Mr. Barton writes:—"This is the fifth time my vegetables grown from Burpee's seeds have won this prize. The whole amount of premiums on the products of Burpee's seeds won by me this season at our fair was \$21.60."

In Virginia.

The regular First Premium as offered by the VIRGINIA STATE FAIR as well as the special Burpee Premium of \$20.00 was awarded to J. T. HOFFMAN, Fincastle, on collection of vegetables grown from Burpee's seeds and exhibited at the Association's fair held at Roanoke, September 26-29, 1905. Mr. Hoffman also won both the Society's and the Burpee Premium (\$5.00) on his collection of vegetables exhibited at the Botetourt County Fair held at Fincastle, September 19-22, 1905. When thanking us for our check for \$25.00 sent in payment of these premiums, Mr. Hoffman writes:—"The total amount of premiums won by me at the above fairs on the products of Burpee's seeds is \$231.00. Rest assured I am still a customer of yours."

Burpee's Seeds are Prize Winners.

These reports should convince you that if you desire to win "first honors" at your State or County Fair you should sow BURPEE'S SEEDS,—"THE SEEDS THAT GROW."

In Wisconsin.

Wisconsin has two official State Fairs,—THE NORTHERN WISCONSIN STATE FAIR, held at Chippewa Falls and the WISCONSIN STATE BOARD OF AGRICULTURE, which holds its fair at Milwaukee.

For best exhibit of vegetables at the NORTHERN WISCONSIN STATE FAIR, JOSEPH WARD, Eau Claire, was awarded the Society's First Premium, which entitled him also to the Burpee Premium of \$20.00, as the vegetables composing his exhibit were all grown from Burpee's seeds. He also received first premium for Town and County Display. Mr. Ward writes the total amount of premiums received (including the Burpee Premium) was \$285.00. We quote from his letter of September 26, 1905:—"My vegetables were fine this year and everybody at the fair said Burpee's seeds must be good. Your Mammoth Pumpkin and Mammoth Chili Squash weighed over 200 lbs. I had Mangel Beets that went over 25 and 30 lbs. each and your Early Stonehead Cabbage weighed 40 lbs. and over and your other vegetables were very large." We received two fine photographs of Mr. Ward's Exhibit.

"Burpee's seeds against Burpee's seeds makes the fight very hard and exciting," is the statement of JOHN GRAPE, Proprietor of Twin Springs Gardens, Waukesha. Having won the Society's First Premium on collection of vegetables grown from Burpee's seeds at the WISCONSIN STATE FAIR, held at Milwaukee, Mr. Grape also received the Burpee Premium of \$20.00 as offered at State Fairs. In a letter dated September 27, 1905, Mr. Grape states:—"Took first premium on British Wonder Peas, White Wax Beans, Howling Mob Sweet Corn, Detroit Beet, Long Red Mangel, Yellow Tankard, White Globe Onions, Chantenay Carrots, Oxheart Carrots, Hubbard Squash, etc., and second on Cosmopolitan Sweet Corn, Red Globe Onions, Drumhead and Filderkrat Cabbage, etc. Sixteen firsts and six seconds; total cash \$52.00. Also made a County Exhibit for Waukesha County and all the vegetables shown in this exhibit were grown from Burpee's seeds. This exhibit got a prize of \$151.25." (Regarding this County Exhibit we quote the following from the "Waukesha Freeman":—"Mr. Grape equipped the booth which represented Waukesha County products and would have won first prize except for the handicap given northern counties on account of distance. This county was eighty points ahead in excellence of exhibits.") Mr. Grape also states:—"Wisconsin had the Banner Fair. The exhibits were all good, the competition very strong and it was all between the Burpee men. I had the beet of all beets and was admired by tens of thousands. Total winnings, including your premium, \$261.00 from Burpee's seeds."

MRS. SADIE CLEMONS, Portage, won first premium as offered by the Dane County Agricultural Society, Madison, September 19-22, 1905, on her exhibit of cut flowers. These flowers being all grown from Burpee's seeds entitled Mrs. Clemons to our special premium of \$5.00 as offered at County Fairs. She also won the Burpee Premium (as published in the Premium List) on collection of cut flowers grown from Burpee's seeds at Kilbourn Inter-County Fair held at Kilbourn, Wis., October 2d to 5th, 1905. When writing about her exhibits Mrs. Clemons states:—"The Perennial Phlox I bought of you last year has been a most beautiful bed all summer and still in bloom (September 24th). You will receive an order for phlox from two of my neighbors next spring. I had fine success at Kilbourn. Won your special premium advertised in the Premium List and also won the Society's First Prize on cut flowers. I have always lots of confidence in myself to raise flowers from Burpee's seeds, as I am sure with care they will bring me success. With your special premiums (\$10.00) I won \$49.25 all on products raised from your seed. They are the seeds that you can rely upon."

At the Outagamie County Fair JOHN DEY, Hortonville, received the Society's First Premium on his collection of vegetables grown from Burpee's seeds, which entitled him to our special premium of \$5.00 as offered at County Fairs. This fair was held at Hortonville, September 21-23, 1905, and Mr. Dey writes us that he won in premiums on the products of Burpee's seeds about \$25.00.

ALEXANDER LEES, Mondovi, was awarded the Burpee Premium for the best display of garden vegetables raised from Burpee's seeds and displayed at Buffalo County Fair held at Mondovi last fall.

In Wisconsin.

Through some misunderstanding on the part of the secretary of Walworth County Fair, which was held at Elkhorn, September 19, 20, 21, 22, 1905, two certificates of award were issued for the Burpee Premium; one for the best display of flowers and the other for the best display of vegetables, all grown from Burpee's seeds. As we only offer one cash premium of \$5.00 at any County Fair we divided the premium and paid \$2.50 to each prize winner. Mrs. D. WARD, Elkhorn, received the premium on her display of flowers and writes: "Received first premium on nearly every collection I displayed. * * * I will continue to try your new seeds as well as the old varieties, as all seem to give the best satisfaction. Will also recommend them to anyone asking where to get good seeds." CASPER OLSEN, Genesee, received the premium on his display of vegetables and states: "I took sweepstakes. The vegetables all looked very nice as they were placed in their places and praise was given them from all sources. * * * Of all the seeds I have bought of you I have not found any mixed seed among them."

The secretary of Rock County Agricultural Association, Evansville, wrote, October 11, 1905:—"We advertised in our Fair Premium List that a prize of \$5.00 would be given to the one making the best exhibit of vegetables grown exclusively from seeds purchased from Burpee. The premium was won by ARTHUR TOMLIN, Evansville, Wis." This premium was accordingly paid to Mr. Tomlin.

For the best display of vegetables grown from Burpee's seeds at the Sauk County Fair held at Baraboo last fall, R. M. DUNLAP, Baraboo, received the Burpee Premium of \$5.00. This same collection of vegetables received the Society's second premium. Mr. Dunlap also received several first and second premiums on other entries, which made the total amount of premiums received on the products of Burpee's seeds \$15.00.

MRS. H. C. REED, Rice Lake, received the First Prize as offered by the Barron County Agricultural Society for best collection of vegetables, and as these vegetables were all grown from Burpee's seeds she received also the Burpee Premium as per our offer at County Fairs. The Barron County Fair was held at Rice Lake, September 12, 13 and 14, 1905. Mrs. Reed writes:—"I also took first from the Fair Association on many of your seeds. The Chalk's Early Jewel Tomatoes were admired by everyone. One lady said: 'Come with me. I want to show you the nicest things here.' I said, 'Thank you. Those are my tomatoes grown from Burpee's seed. That is why they have the Blue Ribbon.' I also took first on Howling Mob Sweet Corn, parsnips, beets, pie pumpkins, salsify, peas, carrots and cucumbers."

In Wisconsin.

MRS. A. J. GOODHUE, Portage, writes us that there were three other exhibits besides her own entered in competition for the Burpee Premium as offered at County Fairs, but that she was the successful competitor, winning the First Prize on her collection of flowers as offered by the Columbia County Agricultural Society. She also won the Society's First Premium for best display of vegetables, all grown from Burpee's seeds. Mrs. Goodhue writes:—"I am so pleased; I had excellent luck with all the flowers as well as our vegetables. All turned out just as represented. I feel amply paid for my trouble in exhibiting and advertising your seeds for the grand success I have had with all the seeds purchased from you, both our vegetable and flower seeds. They are the best we have ever planted and that is saying a great deal, for my father has been a market gardener here over twenty-five years. Your Golden Self-blanching Celery is yielding beyond all expectations. Every stalk is almost twice as large as his celery of other years, and grocerymen here all admit it excels that shipped from Michigan. Father cannot speak high enough in its praise and wishes me to tell you he will never plant any other. On a patch less than an acre he has taken \$80.00 and it is not nearly all gone (October 19th). He took first premium at the fair." The total value of premiums received on the products of Burpee's seeds was \$16.00.

"Your seeds are certainly O. K. and you can expect an order for seeds this spring," writes FRANK J. LINDLEY, Fox Lake, when sending us certificate of award from the secretary of Dodge County Fair Association, which held its annual fair at Beaver Dam last September, stating that he had won the Burpee Premium on his collection of vegetables grown from Burpee's seeds. "I captured \$35.00 at the Dodge County Fair on vegetables raised from your seeds, and \$55.00 at the STATE FAIR held at Milwaukee. I had the largest squash at the State Fair. Its weight was 112 lbs. and was raised from your seed. I also took first at the State and Dodge County Fairs on your Vermont Gold Coin Potatoes."

In Washington.

The secretary of the WASHINGTON STATE FAIR, held at North Yakima, October 2d to 7th, 1905, advised us that the display of vegetables by WILLIAM LEE, JR., North Yakima, which won our Special premium of \$20.00, also won the First Premium offered by the Society. When writing regarding the premiums received the past season Mr. Lee states:—"I could not have taken First Farm Prize if it had not been for the products of your seeds." The amount of the Farm Prize was \$50.00 and the total amount of premiums received by Mr. Lee on products of Burpee's seeds was \$100.00.

More than TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS in Cash Prizes were Won the Past Season by Planters of Burpee's "Seeds That Grow."

Since September, 1905, we have paid to successful competitors Two Thousand Five Hundred and Twenty-four Dollars (\$2524.00). The various sums are all announced in this Supplement with the name and address of each recipient, with the exception of about one hundred dollars which includes the prizes for photographs, and fifty-five dollars paid at the fall exhibition of The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society in Philadelphia.

Seven Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty-six Dollars and Sixty Cents (\$7856.60) is the aggregate amount of cash prizes won by exhibitors of the products of Burpee's Seeds at State and County Fairs as specified herein. It will be noticed, however, that many reports do not state the amount of money embraced in the prizes. There are also reports from other fairs that are now being investigated, as they were not received in proper form. Therefore, it is safe to state that planters of BURPEE'S SEEDS, besides deriving pleasure and profit from their gardens, won in cash prizes, *the past season alone*, considerably more than Ten Thousand Dollars.

Ten Thousand Three Hundred and Eighty Dollars and Sixty Cents (\$10,380.60) is the total amount that we know has been actually received by the planters of BURPEE'S SEEDS IN PRIZES THE PAST SEASON. Even without considering the extra amounts for prizes of which we do not know the value at State and County Fairs, this total is doubtless a larger amount of money than has ever been won in prizes in a single season by the planters of any other brand of seeds. BURPEE'S SEEDS are famous everywhere for producing prize-winning products!

If you have any friend who would appreciate the "BURPEE QUALITY IN SEEDS" we should appreciate your recommending him to write for a free copy of BURPEE'S FARM ANNUAL FOR 1906.

W. ATLEE BURPEE & CO., Seed Growers, Philadelphia.

Burpee's Seeds are Famous for their Prize-Winning Products.

Not only do the products of Burpee's Seeds win for our customers thousands of dollars annually at State and County Fairs (as is shown in the several editions of our Prize Supplement), but whenever we have made exhibits at International Exhibitions, our seeds have always received the highest awards.

At the TRANS-MISSISSIPPI and INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION held at OMAHA in 1898, we received **Three Gold Medals** (the highest awards) on our exhibits of *Roses*, *Cannas* and *Sweet Peas*. Our exhibits here consisted of beds of *Roses* and *Cannas* and a display of cut-flowers of *Sweet Peas* which were renewed daily during the season.

At the Paris Exposition in 1900

The Only First Prize

on *Sweet Peas* was awarded to our exhibit of

sixty varieties, all produced from our American-grown seed, of identically the same quality as sold to our customers. Large bouquets of the Tall varieties were shown in connection with pot-plants of the DWARF CUPID and BURPEE'S BUSH SWEET PEAS. These were grown specially for us by a skilled gardener in the vicinity of Paris, consequently were exhibited in first-class condition,—securing for us "**the only first prize on Sweet Peas.**" It was fairly considered the finest exhibit of *Sweet Peas* ever made on the continent of Europe.  We received also a SILVER MEDAL for our Collection of Photographs displayed by request of the United States Government in connection with THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE and showing views of Trial Grounds, Seed Crops, and Seed Cleaning as conducted at FORDHOOK FARMS.

At the PAN-AMERICAN EXPOSITION, BUFFALO, 1901, we were awarded a **Silver Medal** on *Sweet Peas* grown especially for Sweet Pea Week. This award was a matter of courtesy on the part of the Fair Officials, as after ascertaining that the majority of the other exhibits were grown from our seed we decided not to compete against them. It was gratifying to us to know that all the prizes offered were won with blooms from our seed.

At The World's Fair, St. Louis, 1904, **The Products of Burpee's Seeds**, together with our growing exhibits, won **TWO GRAND PRIZES,—THREE GOLD MEDALS and FOUR SILVER MEDALS.**

We Won The Grand Prize for Lawns,—while the products of BURPEE'S SEEDS won A Grand Prize.  In the exhibit of the State of IOWA, which was ALSO awarded A GRAND PRIZE, —all the Vegetables were grown from BURPEE'S SEEDS. This practically entitles us to claim the remarkable record of **THREE GRAND PRIZES** for the products of BURPEE'S SEEDS!

Gold Medals were awarded to us for our beds of *Begonia Vulcan*,—*Begonia Duchess of Edinburgh*, and *The Burbank Rose*.

Silver Medals were awarded for our beds of *Lemoine's Giant Heliotrope* and *Dahlias*;—also for our exhibits of *Burpee's Black Beauty Egg Plants* and *Chinese Giant Peppers*, of which fresh specimens were sent each week during the season from our fields in South Jersey.

AT THE LEWIS AND CLARK EXPOSITION, PORTLAND, OREGON, 1905, FORDHOOK FINEST LAWN GRASS WAS awarded the only GOLD MEDAL. Our SWEET PEAS also won the only GOLD MEDAL. A Gold Medal was the highest award made at the Lewis and Clark Exposition. Our exhibits at this Exposition consisted of several acres planted with lawn grass and a very large area planted with thirty of the best varieties of Sweet Peas.



BURPEE'S SEEDS
ARE PRIZE
WINNERS.





Largest and Best Collection of Vegetables, 1905, at LENAWEE COUNTY FAIR, MICHIGAN.
Exhibited by WM. H. BROWN, Jasper, Mich., who won the Society's First Prize and also the BURPEE PREMIUM, as these fine vegetables were all produced from BURPEE'S SEEDS.



PRODUCTS OF BURPEE'S SEEDS. Some of the Separate Prize Exhibits of Vegetables at the New York State Fair, Syracuse, N. Y., September 11 to 16, 1905.

These were grown by THE GLENDALE STOCK FARM, winner in 1905, and for several years previously also, of the Society's First Prize for the Largest and Best Collection—and, of course, of the BURPEE PREMIUM.



THE FIRST PRIZE COLLECTION OF VEGETABLES AT MINNESOTA STATE FAIR, September 4 to 9, 1905.

The Exhibitor, CHARLES KRAUSE, St. Paul, Minn., has now won the Minnesota State Fair's First Prize for four consecutive years,—exclusively with the products of BURPEE'S SEEDS,—and hence each year has won also the extra twenty-dollar BURPEE PREMIUM,—as annually offered at every State Fair.



THE FIRST PRIZE EXHIBIT AT WASHINGTON STATE FAIR,—held at North Yakima, Washington, October 2 to 7, 1905.

The Exhibitor, WM. LEE, JR., North Yakima, Washington, also won the BURPEE PREMIUM, as all his prize vegetables were produced from BURPEE'S SEEDS.



Largest and Best Collection at the NORTHERN WISCONSIN STATE FAIR, held at Chippewa Falls, Wis., August 28 to September 1, 1905. The exhibitor, JOSEPH WARD, of Eau Claire, Wis., won the Society's First Premium and also first prize on Farm and County Display. As these grand vegetables were all produced from our seeds he was awarded also THE BURPEE PREMIUM.



First Prize Collection at SARATOGA COUNTY FAIR, Ballston Spa, N.Y., August 29 to September 1, 1905. As these were all grown from BURPEE'S SEEDS,—the exhibitors, DE RIDDER BROS., of Ballston Spa, N. Y., won also the BURPEE PREMIUM, as offered for County Fairs.



The little illustration to the left is from a photograph of a part of the exhibit made in 1905 at Milwaukee by JOHN GRAPE, Waukesha, Wisconsin, which won the WISCONSIN STATE FAIR first prize for Best Collection, —also the BURPEE PREMIUM.

The illustration to the right shows exhibit of F. W. STUBE, Fonda, N. Y., at the Montgomery County, New York, Fair, October 2 to 5, 1905. This won the Society's First Prize and also the Burpee Premium, as all the vegetables were grown from BURPEE'S SEEDS.



1952 Sacks of Onions on five acres (mostly Yellow Globe Danvers) raised by JOHN KRAMER on Charles Camp's Farm near Greeley, Colorado. Grown entirely from BURPEE'S SEEDS.



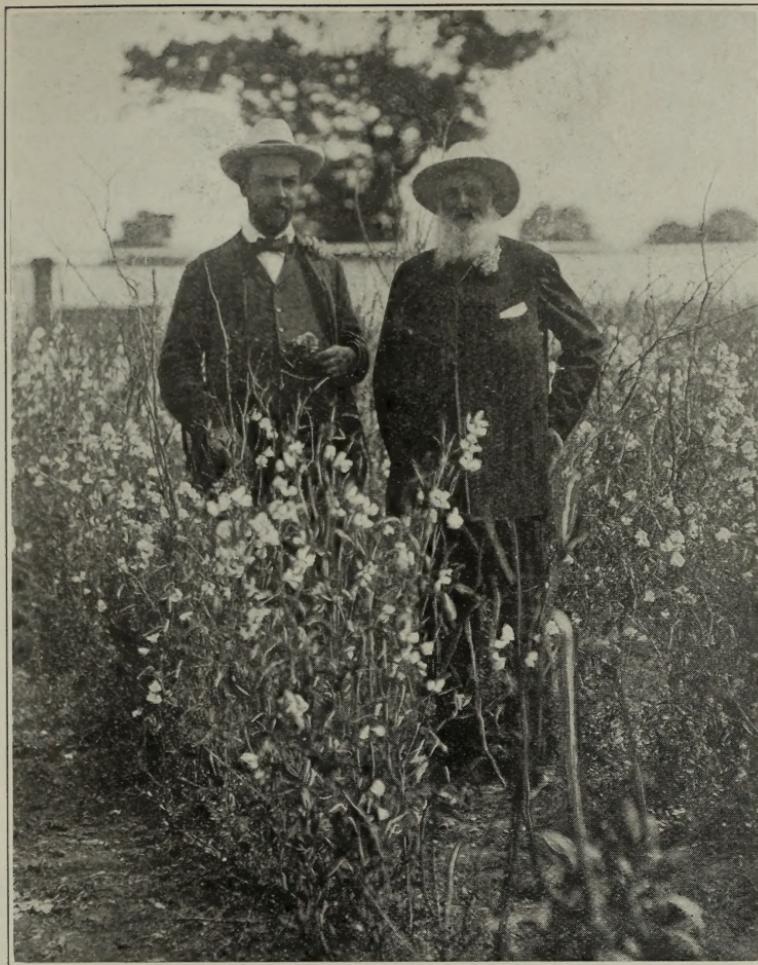
This photograph shows the uniformity of growth in BURPEE'S GOLDEN SELF-BLANCHING CELERY. It is engraved from a photograph taken on the famous NILES CELERY FARM, Wellshoro, Pa., eastern side, looking north. There were 350 Celery plants in each row, 90 rods long. In all, there were 40 acres of Celery,—making a total of ninety miles of plants in rows.



NEW COUNTESS SPENCER SEEDLING SWEET PEAS,—grown by JAMES W. NAIRN, Truro, Nova Scotia, who sends the charming photograph from which this engraving has been reproduced.

In Loving Memory of
Henry Eckford, V. M. H.,
Who died at Wem, December 5, 1905
Aged 82 Years

Interred at Wem Cemetery on the 9th Inst.



The late HENRY ECKFORD, V. M. H. (to the right), with his friend, the writer. From a photograph taken on July 13, 1905, at Wem, Shropshire, England. Mr. Eckford was in the midst of his favorite new sweet peas in his own garden at his late home; he was thoroughly well and full of his life-long enthusiasm.

HENRY ECKFORD is dead! Such was the sad news that brought sorrow to our hearts one morning in December. Upon the preceding page we reprint the announcement as received later from Wem.

"*In Loving Memory.*" Yes, HENRY ECKFORD will be held in loving remembrance not only by his bereaved widow, his children and grandchildren, but also by hundreds of personal friends and thousands of admirers throughout the world. Truly "his works do follow him,"—and his work was one of love.

While other men, including his son, are doing good work on the sweet pea, it was he alone who blazed the way for others to follow. Born in Scotland at Stonehouse, near Edinburgh, on May 17, 1823, he began as an apprentice in 1839 in the gardens of Lord Lovat, Beaufort Castle, Inverness. In 1854 he was appointed head gardener to the Earl of Radnor at Coleshill, Berkshire, where during his stay of twenty years he raised many new dahlias, pelargoniums and verbenas. In the year 1878 he accepted the invitation of Dr. Sankey to take charge of his gardens at Sandywell, Gloucester, with the view of raising new seedlings of florists' flowers. At this time no one had thought of any radical improvement in sweet peas and Mr. Eckford's magnificent work was begun in 1879.

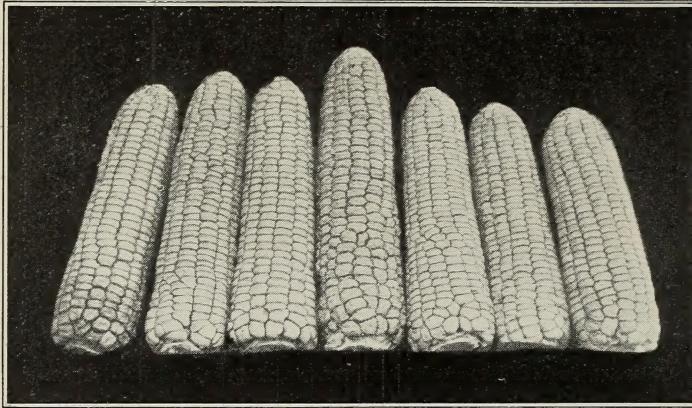
As long as the sweet pea is cultivated the name of HENRY ECKFORD will be cherished and revered. To few men is it possible to do so much for their day and generation. In appreciation of his noble character and grand work we cannot do better than quote the following from the engrossed resolutions which accompanied the presentation of a special Testimonial last fall:—

We, the undersigned, representing Several Hundred Admirers of your work and character, who have associated themselves with the presentation of the accompanying Testimonial, beg to offer you, in their name and our own, a small acknowledgment of your Great Services to Horticulture.

Your remarkable success in the development of the Sweet Pea has made your name Famous the World Over.

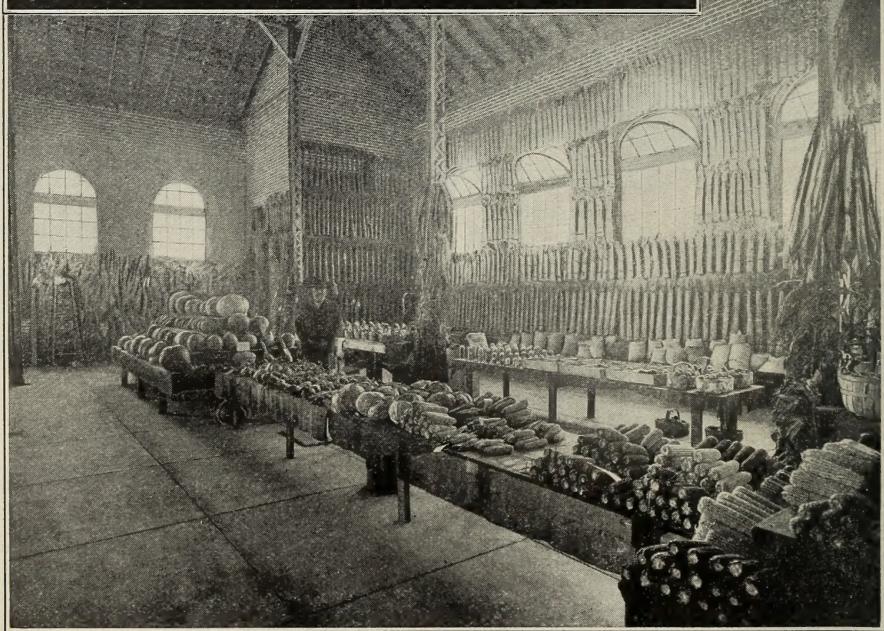
Taking in hand a favorite old flower of British Gardens, you have secured a large number of new and beautiful varieties, giving delight and gratification to thousands of people. In addition, you have made great improvements in other popular plants. In the course of your beneficent life-work you have come into contact with innumerable Flower Lovers, to all of whom you have endeared yourself by the Sweetness of your Disposition, the Dignity of your Demeanour, and the Uprightness of your Character.

It is our earnest hope that you may continue to share for many years to come in the joy which your productions give to others. And we trust that the evening of your days may be brightened by the knowledge that You, equally with the Lovely Offspring of your skill and devotion which adorn our gardens, enjoy the boundless Affection and Esteem of Mankind.

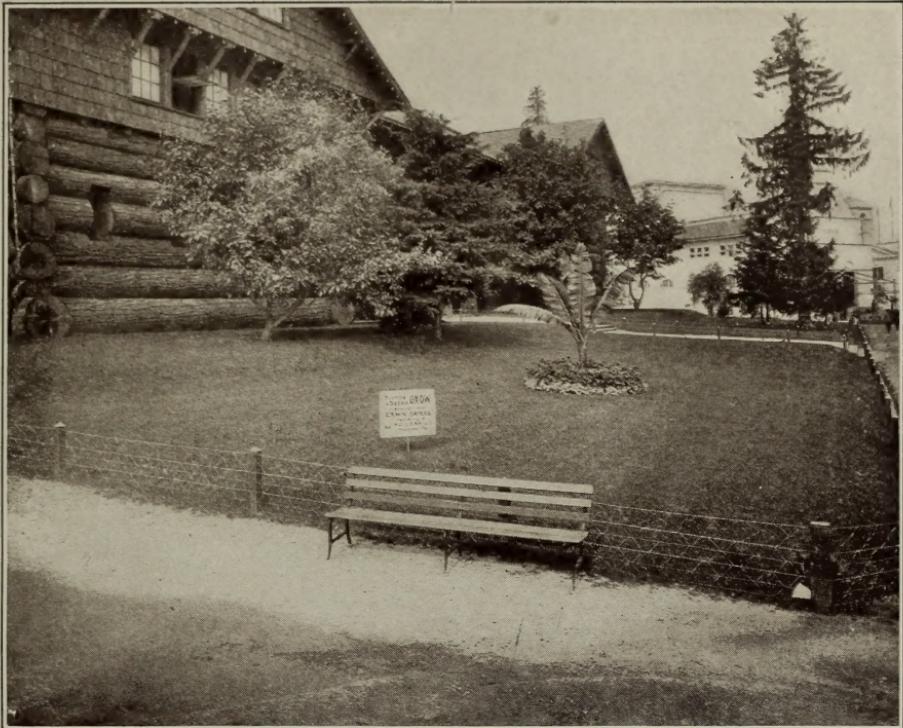


The above illustration shows the flowers exhibited at Montgomery County Fair, Dayton, Ohio, September 4 to 8, 1905, by MRS. M. H. SACKETT, Waynesville, Ohio. Mrs. Sackett won the Society's First Prize, also 8 first premiums on separate entries, —grown entirely from BURPEE'S SEEDS.

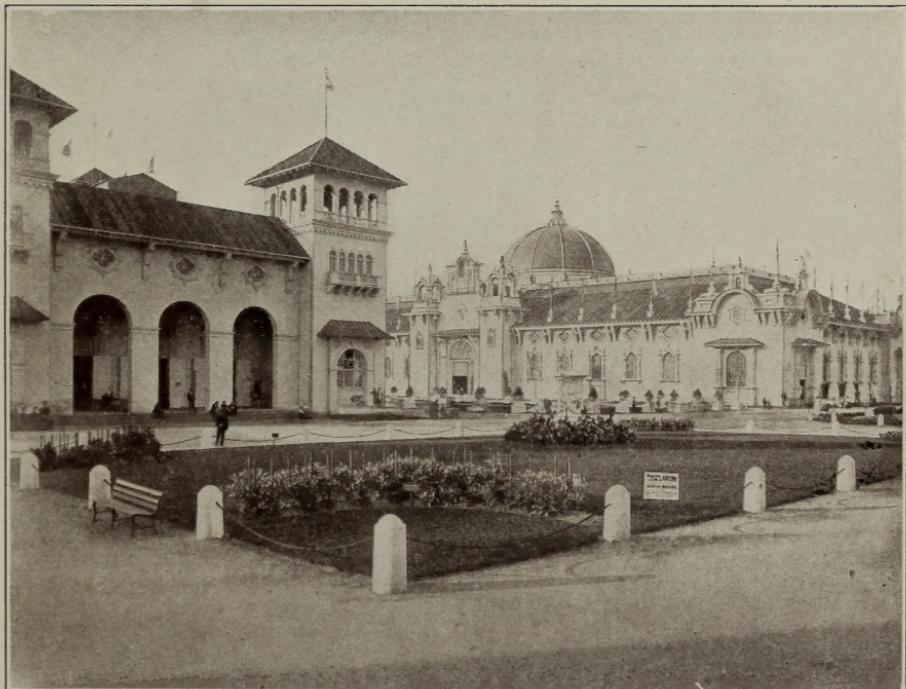
The illustration to the left shows seven ears of HOWLING-MOB SWEET CORN, raised by A. FULTON BOYD, Limestone, Pa.



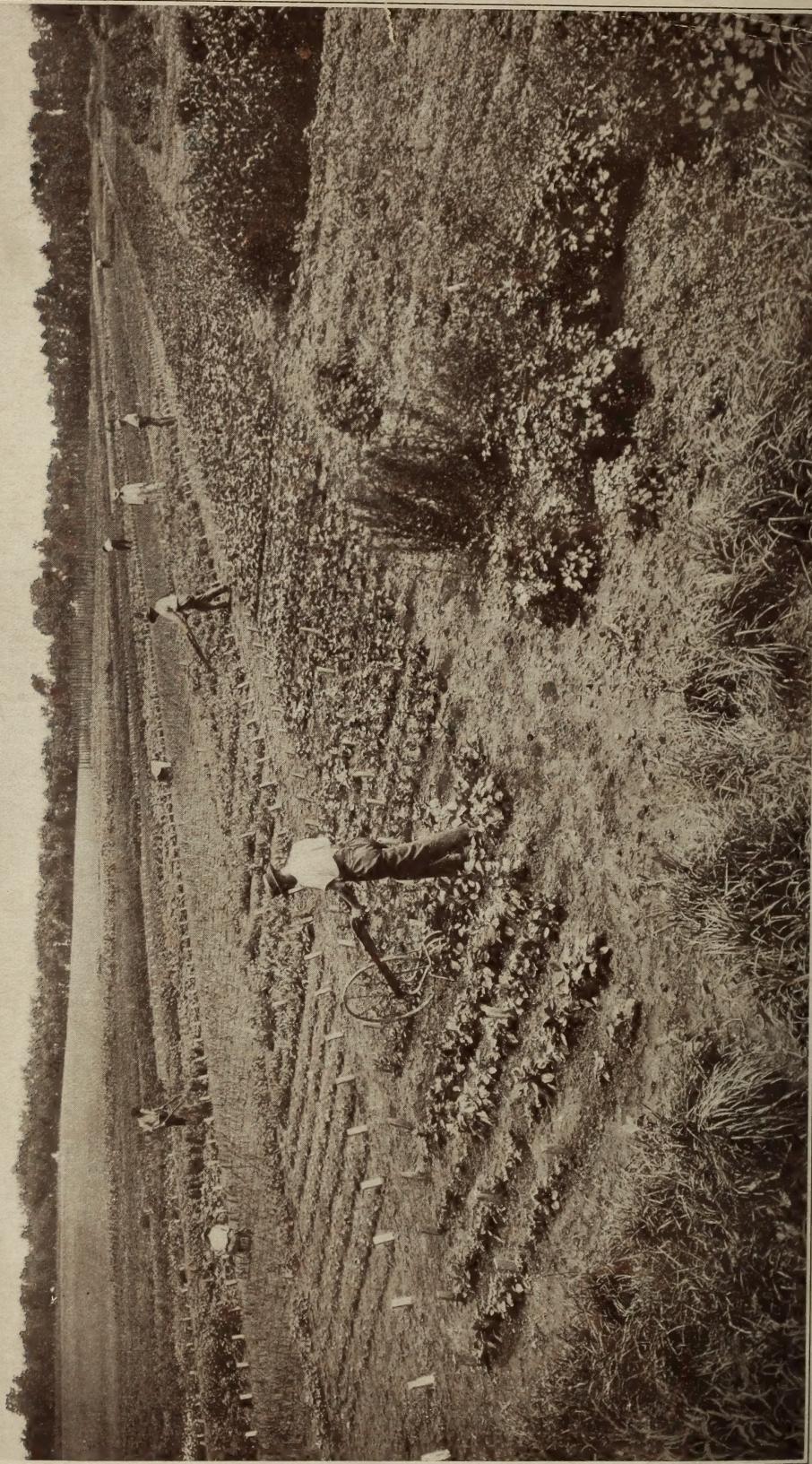
Best Collection of Vegetables at MISSOURI STATE FAIR,—August 21 to 26, 1905. The Exhibitors, MESSRS. SHEPARD & CROSS, Lamonte, Mo., won the Society's First Prize,—also the Burpee Premium of \$20.00 extra



AT THE LEWIS AND CLARK EXPOSITION, PORTLAND, OREGON, 1905,—from a Photograph: This lawn and others planted with BURPEE'S FORDHOOK FINEST won for us **the only GOLD MEDAL** on Lawn Grass! This was the highest award possible at Portland Exposition.



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A Portion of the Trial Grounds at Burpee's Fordhook Farms, THE LARGEST AND MOST COMPLETE TRIAL GROUNDS IN AMERICA,—from a Photograph.